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RUSSIA IN WINNING POSITION IN THIRD ROUND

MOSCOW MOVES ON PERSIAN CHESS-BOARD

Hopes Of Pro-Soviet Govt. At Teheran By March Next When Allied Armies Will Quit

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25, (Reuter): Elimination or at least reduction of British influence in Persia is the aim of Russian policy in that country—this is the impression gathered by John Kimche, Reuters' commentator on international affairs, who has just returned from Persia after a study of conditions on the spot.

Kimche adds: That policy in turn is the key to the recent events in Azerbaijan, the northern province which borders on the Soviet Republic of the same name and shares its speech, manners and customs and has been the cause of some of the recent troubles in Persia.

In this dispatch, Kimche analyses the causes responsible for that policy pursued by Russia in Persia.

The background of the problem is Persia itself, says Kimche. Persia is a vast country bigger than Germany, France and Spain put together, with a population variously estimated at eight to sixteen millions, and glaring contrasts of riches and poverty.

There are probably about 12,000,000 Persians, though no one knows for certain. The Persian Government registrar himself told me that according to his official figures, the population of Azerbaijan is 1,000,000. When registered for conscription, but 4,000,000 when registered for sugar rationing.

If there are 12,000,000 Persians, 10,000,000 of them are always hungry and totally illiterate. Three out of four children die before they are a year old. No one can prove these figures, but no one disputes them.

ABSOLUTE OLIGARCHY

In theory, Persia is a constitutional monarchy with a 26-year-old Shah, Mohamed Riza, a Cabinet and a National Assembly called the Majlis, to which the Cabinet is responsible. In practice it is run by about 2,000 wealthy families.

These 2,000 families own the land, they are the Cabinet, they are the Majlis (national Assembly) they control finance and the army. Even a majority of deputies belonging to the Russia-sponsored Tudeh (masses) Party are either landlords or otherwise rich men.

Until the advent of the Tudeh Party the mass of the population had neither a say nor interest in politics. Even to-day there are only two political parties—Tudeh and the anti-Tudeh National Will Movement.

SIX "FRACTIONS"

In the Majlis only the Tudeh is organised as a party. The rest of the members belong to what are

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INDIA TIED TO BRETTON WOODS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 25, (A.P.I.): Following the announcement of the Government of India's decision to adhere to the Bretton Woods agreement, an ordinance known as the International Monetary Fund and Bank Ordinance has been issued.

It provides among other things for the payment out of Central revenues or subscriptions to the International Fund and to the International Bank.

ASAF ALI MEETS SARDAR

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. Asaf Ali, member of the Congress Working Committee, arrived in Bombay from Madras by air. He was received at the aerodrome by Mr. Nagindas T. Master, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee.

Mr. Asaf Ali will stay in Bombay till December 27 and leave for Delhi the same day.

Mr. Asaf Ali was closeted with the Congress Parliamentary Chief Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the latter's residence. The two were together for over an hour.

Training Centre For Congress Workers

BARDOLI, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.): A training centre for Congress workers of Bardoli Taluka was opened here yesterday by Mr. Inamdar, Chief of the Gujerat Seva Dal.

Intensive training based on the Congress Seva Dal scheme will be given to volunteers joining the Centre.

"GRAND PLAN AMUSEMENT

MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (APA): British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin caused amusement to representatives of various nations when he unfolded, at a reception at the French Embassy here Sunday night, a "grand plan" for settling the question of the occupation of bases.

Turkish Ambassador Selim Sarper drew it from him by inquiring not too seriously "I understand you have some ideas on bases?"

"Yes," Bevin said with a twinkle in his eye. "We are going to give the Americans a base at the South Pole and the Russians a base at the North Pole."

"And the British?" inquired Sarper.

"Oh, we will use everything in between", Bevin replied.

WHITE PAPER ON EAST AFRICA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 25, (A.P.I.): Details of a White Paper containing proposals for dealing with the common services of Kenya, Uganda Tanganyika recently published in London and East Africa by H.M. G. are now availabel. The proposals which, it is emphasised, are published for discussion are: formation of an East African High Commission, consisting of the three Governors; a Central Legislative Assembly an executive organisation, supported in appropriate cases by Advisory Boards.

The High Commission consisting of the Governors of Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika would exercise the usual powers of a colonial Government in respect of the common services entrusted to it. The Governor of Kenya would be the Standing Chairman of the Commission.

The Central Legislative Assembly would have 36 members. The unofficial members would be six elected Europeans, six elected Indians, six nominess of the High Commission as trustees for African interests.

OBJECTIVE

According to a statement which the Colonial Secretary made in the House of Commons recently the proposals which are the basis for discussion are designed to achieve the following objects: To provide a constitutional basis for operation of common services; to secure a more effective co-ordination of policy, particularly in the sphere of economic development, communications and research; to associate representatives of the public of all races with the management of common services and to provide effective means of enacting common legislation where this required.

DEO LEAVES ON C. P. TOUR

POONA, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.): Mr. Shankarrao Deo, member of the Congress Working Committee, left Poona to-day on a tour of the C. P. and Berar districts. He will return to Poona on January 3.

M. A. MASTER IN KARACHI

KARACHI, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.). Mr. M. A. Master, a member of the Indian delegation to the International Maritime Conference held at Copenhagen, arrived in Karachi from London to-day.

Congress Sevika And Kumarika Dal Training

Mrs. Sofia Khan, G. O. C., Congress Sevika Dal, writes:—

Congress Sevika and Kumarika Dal training Camp has been strated from 25th December, 1945 in the Congress started from 25th December 1945 in December, 1945 in the Congress house compound. About 300 Sevikas and elderly Kumarikas have been participating and to-day (Wednesday) Shri Asaf Ali has been requested to address the trainees.

Those Sevikas and elderly Kumarikas, who are not aware of this camp are required to be present at the Sevika Dal's office at 2-30 P. M. sharp to attend this camp. Non-members will be allowed to attend the lectures of the Camp. Only those Sevikas and Kumarikas who have attended this camp will be given certificates. Those who are unable to attend this camp should see Miss Sushila Desai at the Dal's Office and give their reasons for remaining absent from the camp.

Stop Press

FRANC-STERLING RATIO

PARIS, Dec. 25. (Reuter): The French franc has been fixed at a new rate of 480 to a pound sterling (119.1 to a dollar), it was officially announced to-night.

SNOWFALL HOLDS UP LORRIES

JAMMU, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.): Two lorries with full complement of passengers are reported to be held up at Banihal Tunnel due to heavy snowfall.

TWO U. S. SOLDIERS SHOT DEAD

BERLIN, Dec. 25. (Reuter): Two United States soldiers of the 78th Division were shot dead by unknown uniformed assailants on Sunday night, United States authorities in Berlin disclosed to-night.

"BIG THREE" DECISIONS

Peace Conference In April?

LONDON, Dec. 25, (Reuter): A general Peace Conference to be held not later than May 1, 1946 has been decided upon by the Big Three meeting in Moscow and the first communique issued by the Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Soviet Foreign Commissar M. Molotov and the Secretary of State Mr. James F. Byrnes, said consultations on other matters were being carried on in a friendly spirit."

After issuing this communique put out on the suggestion of Mr. Byrnes as "Christmas message of good hope to the world—"the Foreign Ministers were expecting to meet today for what may be their final meeting.

Both Mr. Bevin and Mr. Byrnes have been working as usual and presumably M. Molotov also, as Christmas is not a holiday here.

It is expected that the British and American delegations may leave for home within the next two days. The final communique and Press conferences are expected within the same period.

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Jinnah Processions Banned In Madras

MADRAS, Dec. 25 (OPI). The Commissioner of Police, Madras, has passed orders banning the procession to be taken out to-day in connection with the birthday celebration of Mr. Jinnah, organised by the Muslim League. The Provincial Muslim League had made elaborate arrangements for the procession and all of them have to be cancelled in view of the Commissioner's order, made known to the League officials only yesterday.

POONA, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.): Muslims of Poona celebrated Mr. M. A. Jinnah's birthday to-day. A procession was taken out in the morning. Later a meeting held and tributes to his services to the Muslim community were paid by many speakers.

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WHY SHIAS CAN'T BACK PAKISTAN

All-Parties Conference Council Of Action's Decision

POONA, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.): A resolution stating that the Shias could not support the Muslim League demand for Pakistan was adopted today at the meeting of the Council of Action of the All Parties Shia Conference. Mr. Husseinbhoy Laljee presided.

The Council feared that the establishment of Pakistan would ostensibly result in the establishment of the Hanafi Shariat in that area, a Shariat which was fundamentally different from the Shariat Jaffri or Imamia Law, which was followed by the Shias. The Lahore resolution of the Muslim League, wherein it was stated that provision would be made in the constitution for adequate and effective protection of the religious, cultural, economic and political rights of the minorities, did not make clear whether the Shia community would be recognised as a minority in the constitution. On the contrary the attitude of the Muslim League High Command refusing to recognise the Shias as a separate important Muslim minority to be governed by its own Shariat, made the Shias sceptical of the dtman of the Muslim League for Pakistan and the Council thought that it was not possible for the Shias to support the Muslim League demand.

Australiansn For Japan Occupation

MELBOURNE, Dec. 25, (Reuter): Lt. Gen J. Northcott Commander of the Empire Occupation Force in Japan who has returned here said that Australian troops would begin moving from Morotai between the middle and end of January. The whole force would be in Japan by early March and would occupy the Kura area, 400 miles south of Tokio. Air Vice-Marshal Bouchier Commander of the first Australian Brigade to arrive in Japan accompanied Lt.-Gen. Northcott from Japan. Air Vice-Marshal Bouchier is going to India to collect suadrons after a few days.

RAILWAY AUTHORITIES OBLIGE JAWAHAR

Toofan Express Detained At Moghulsarai Till Arrival Of Punjab Mail

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 25 (API): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to-day returned here from Patna by the Toofan Express. It is reported that the Toofan Express was detained at Moghulsarai for well over an hour until after the arrival of the Punjab Mail that was running late by two hours.

Pandit Nehru looked somewhat tired and on alighting from the train directly drove to his residence "Anand Bhawan."

Train Detained For Two Hours

BENARES, Dec. 25 (API): To suit Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's tour programme on his return journey from Patna to Allahabad the railway authorities detained the Toofan Express at Moghulsarai for over an hour. Pandit Jawaharlal travelled by the Punjab Mail, and he had to change trains at Moghulsarai. The Punjab Mail was running late by two hours and the connecting train, the Toofan Express, was running to time.

Had the Toofan Express left Moghulsarai before the arrival of the Punjab Mail, there would have been no other train for Allahabad for the next three hours. The detention of the Toofan Express enabled Pandit Nehru to travel without any inconvenience.

Pandit Nehru was presented with a small purse during his short halt at Moghulsarai.

Two Who Came For Darshan Fall In Ganges

PATNA, Dec. 25 (API): It is reported that seven persons fell in the Ganges from a steamer over-crowded with people who were coming to have a 'darshan' of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru yesterday. Five of the seven were rescued with great difficulty but the other two were lost in the current and no trace of them could be found in spite of a vigorous search.

JAWAHAR'S ADVICE TO RAILWAYMEN

Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru left for Allahabad this morning by the Punjab Mail. A deputation of the members of the Executive Committee of the Oudh and Tirhut Railwaymen's Union waited upon Pt. Nehru at the Patna junction railway station and acquainted him with all the grievances of the railway workers and their demands.

Pandit Nehru advised them to organise themselves for getting their grievances redressed. But he cautioned them to think thrice before taking any decision to go on strike.

Jawahar Sings Azad Hind Fouz Song

PATNA, Dec. 25 (API): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru last evening demonstrated to the people of Patna how to sing the battle of song of the Azad Hind Fouj "Qadam Qadam Badmhaye Ja" (Forward comrades, step by step) with a militant note both in tune and spirit.

After his speech at the Bankipur Maidan, Pandit Nehru, disagreeing with the tune of a young singer who was rendering this song, walked up to the microphone and demonstrated how it should be done. He said it was a marching song and must be sung with a militant note and forceful accents.

Jawaharlal's Sind Programme

HYDERABAD, (Sind), Dec. 25, (U.P.I.): The programme in connection with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's visit to Sind has been planned. He will arrive from Udaipur on January 4, 1946 by air. He will stay in Karachi for few hours and then will tour the constituencies where the Congress is encountering opposition. He will spend three days in Sind.

Sarojini & Kamaladevi At Hyderabad

HYDERABAD, (Sind) Dec. 24. (A.P.I.) Mrs. Sarojini Naidu who arrived at Hyderabad to attend the All-India Women's Conference was given a rousing reception at the railway station. Later she was presented an address by the students replying to which Mrs. Naidu exhorted them to keep on fighting till freedom for the country was achieved. She also urged women to join and fight for the country's independence alongside men.

Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya also arrived here from Karachi today.

President-Elect Taken in Procession

HYDERABAD (Sind), Dec. 25. (A.P.I.): Mrs. Hansa Mehta, President-elect of the 18th session of the All-India Women's Conference, arrived in Hyderabad (Sind) from Bombay to-day.

She was given a rousing reception at the station and was taken in a procession which went round the main streets of the tour.

EGYPTIAN DELEGATE FOR A.-I. W. C.

KARACHI, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.): Madame Amine-el-Said, Egyptian delegate to the All-India Women's Conference arrived by air from Cairo yesterday and left for Hyderabad (Sind), to-day.

Ordinance To Amend Indian Army Act

Move For Commutation Of Likely Sentences On I. N. A. Accused

GOVT. OF INDIA ACT ON ADVOCATE-GENERAL'S SUGGESTION

NEW DELHI, Dec. 25, (A. P. I.): An ordinance dated December 24 seeks to amend the Indian Army Act to enable the confirming authority to reduce the minimum sentence of Transportation for Life which may be awarded by a Court Martial for the offences of murder and waging war against King.

It is recalled that Sir Noshirwan Engineer, Advocate-General, prosecuting Captains Shah Nawaz, and Sehgal and Lieut. Dhillon, in his closing address on Saturday last said the Court Martial's hands were tied in the matter of punishment and added: the minimum punishment which this court can give is transportation for life, if the court's finding is against the accused, but if the Court feels on the evidence before it that the case is a fit one for mitigation of punishment, it is open to the Court to add a rider to its findings and sentence to that effect for the consideration of the confirming officer."

The Ordinance amends section 99 of the Indian Army Act so as to give power to the Confirming Officer (who in I.N.A. cases is the (C.-in-C.) to commute death or transportation for life awarded by a Court Martial to "any less punishment or punishments mentioned in this Act."

The punishments mentioned in the Act include imprisonment, cashiering, dismissal from service, etc."

SHANGHAI INDIANS' OFFER TO NETAJI

MADRAS, Dec. 25 (UPD): Out of 3,000 residents in Shanghai including old men, women and children more than 2,000 joined the I.N.A. out of free will and without coercion and everyone of them gave all property and personal belongings including jewels to Netaji. This was revealed to the "United Press of India" by a batch of about 50 Punjabis who visited yesterday the I.N.A. Transit Camp which was opened by Mr. Asaf Ali.

They said with pride that more than 200 of their women folk had voluntarily joined the Rani of Jhansi Regiment and undergone training.

They said that one thousand of them had arrived here. They started from Shanghai in steamers on December 6 and disembarked at the Madras Harbour 'en route' to the Punjab.

Most of them had been previously employed in the Shanghai police force and a few engaged in export and import trade. When Shanghai was under Japanese occupation they were enjoying all privileges including freedom of movement, association and speech and they had not a complaint against the treatment meted out to them by the Japanese.

On November 21, 1943, Netaji visited Shanghai and addressed on that

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Islamic Thought & Its Achievements

Prof. Shariff's Presidential Address To Philosophical Congress

TRIVANDRUM, Dec. 20.

The twentieth session of the Indian Philosophical Congress was opened here by H. H. the Maharaja of Travancore. Prof. M. M. Shariff of the Department of Philosophy, Muslim University in the course of his presidential address said that India was on the same intellectual plane and in certain respects on a higher plane than the Islamic countries in the 8th and 9th centuries and. Indian thought flowed to the world of Islam. But the West being geographically nearer the Islamic countries than India and being in the Middle ages on a very much lower spiritual plane, was simply flooded by Muslim philosophy and science. In the early part of the 7th century A.D., a new spring of thought burst forth in the deserts of Arabia and soon swelled, into a sea seething with life. It was Islam. It fused into men a spirit the like of which history had never known before. It spread from the Bay of Biscay to the Indus and the confines of China, and from the Aral Sea to the upper cataracts of the Nile over more than half of the then known world, wielding an empire greater than the Roman Empire at its zenth. This was an empire which inspite of vast changes in its boundaries, saw its rise till the third quarter of the 16th century. It could boast of one language, Arabic, as its 'lingua franca.' It had a number of towns with a prosperous population much advanced in arts and crafts. The Islamic world carried on trade by sea routes from Corea, Japan and the Philippine to Spain, and France and indirectly through Jewish and European tradesmen to England, Sweden and Norway and by land routes from North Africa to the heart of Siberia.

SPIRIT OF ISLAM

Islam teaches men to reflect on the phenomena of nature, to ponder over the mysteries of death and birth, growth and decay. With this teaching of the Quran and the Prophet of Islam, it was no wonder there was a "meteoric rise" in the intellectual powers of the Mussalmans and why they drank deep at all the fountains of knowledge the brinks of which they reached in their forward march to progress.

The rise of Muslim thought began with a period which though rich in original thought, was chiefly marked by translations from Sanskrit, Persian Syriac and Greek. So extensive was the range of Arabic translations of philosophical and scientific classics that within eighty years of the establishment of Baghdad the Arabs were in possession of the greater parts of the works of Aristotle, including the spurious minerology, mechanics and Theology; the important works of Hypocrates, Galen, Euclid, Ptolemy and subsequent writers and commentators and several Persian and Indian writings. All this was taking place in the Muslim world when Greek thought was almost unknown in the west.

SPREAD OF EDUCATION

Education spread in the Muslim world with electric speed. There was no village without a mosque and elementary and secondary schools sprang up as adjuncts to mosques, their curricula being teaching of the Quran, stories about the life of the Prophet, reading and writing, a little poetry and the elements of arithmetic and grammar. For higher education students went either to Colleges, academies and Universities or to individual teachers. Rulers, princes, ministers and wealthy nobles regarded it a fashion to become patrons of learning, hold academic discussions, open schools and colleges, set up laboratories and establish hospitals and libraries. The first college was established by al-Mamum in Baghdad. The second college for higher education called the Nizamiyah was founded in Baghdad in 1065, or 7 by Nizamul Mulk, a Persian Vazir to the Seljuq King, Alp Arslan. It was a residential college in which theological studies had the same place as later on classical studies had in European Universities. After a little over three centuries the Nizamiyah was merged into a new institution named al-Mustansiriyah which was the first educational institution to have a hospital attached to it. Other well-known colleges were al-Rashidiya, Amaniyya, Tarkhaniyya, Khatuniyya and Sharifiyyah in Syria and Rambiyya, Nasiriyya and Salahiyyah in Egypt. In course of time the Nizamiyya type of colleges spread all over the empire, 30 being in Baghdad, 30 in Alexandria, 20 in Damascus, six in Mawsil and one at least in all important cities such as Cairo, Nayshapur. Samarkand, Ispahan, Mery Bulkh, Aleppo, Ghazni, Lahore and so on.

ISLAMIC SPAIN

In Spain were laid the foundations of what are now called Universities. The chief of these were the Universities of Cardova, Seville, Malaga and Granada. The Muslim received from Alexandria, Syria and Persia an old tradition, but passed on to Europe an entirely new tradition, not only old but also new sciences, new studies and a vast store of knowledge. They learnt mathematics from the Hindus philosophy from the Greeks, astronomy and mathematics from both, and after making remarkable developments passed them on to Europe. They had among them the greatest encyclopaedic writers of History and Geography and were the founders of sociology and pioneers in the field of natural sciences.

Although the Muslims did not originate philosophical thought as they originated scientific enquiry, some of their achievements in this field were most remarkable. They were acquainted with Hindu philosophy, were masters of Greek thought, and their speculation was deep and extensive.

The last school of Muslim thought was the School of Rationalists It was these rationalists of whom it could be truly said that they "raised up the wisdom and knowledge of Hellas from the dead" and passed them on to the West as to the East. According to this school both reason and revelation are the sources of knowledge, but where they do not agree they must be kept apart.

European historians either completely ignored or scantily treated two parts of the history of the Philosophical thought—the parts which should deal with Indian Philosophy and Muslim Philosophy. The first part was being completed by Messrs. Das Gupta, Belvalkar, Ranade and Sir Radha Krishnan. The second part was yet in oblivion and proof Sharif expressed the hope that people including some one in Trivandrum, would come forward to undertake its completion. The Professor also paid a tribute to H.H. the Maharaja of Travancore in regard to the proposal to create a chair for Islamic culture in the University of Travancore.

3,000 Buses & Trucks Off The Road In U. P.

Protest Against Rail-road Co-ordination Scheme

LUCKNOW, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): As a protest against the rail-road co-ordination scheme of the United Provinces Government, about 3,000 buses and trucks are off the roads all over the Province.

The motor bus strike which began on Saturday last is gradually gaining momentum accordig to reports received from various districts at the headquarters of the Bus Operators' Union at Lucknow.

It is estimated that in the first three days of the strike about two lakhs of people have been affected. The classes which have been the worst sufferers are traders and litigants.

The election programme of various political parties has also received a setback. Large stocks of foodgrains are lying exposed awaiting transport to rationed cities.

DRIVEN TO DRASTIC STEP

Mr. B. R. Kalia, Secretary of the U. P. Bus Operators Union, referring to the Council of Action's decisions to resort to the strike, says that they have been driven to "this drastic step as a last resort since their appeals to the Provincial Government to postpone this obnoxious scheme till the popular ministries are formed, have been in vain.

"Even the poor drivers, cleaners and conductors have made a common cause with us and are willing to make every sacrifice. I have received reports of police high-handedness at some places. The authorities at Mirzapur are arranging for public trucks through the P. W. D. and the Rationing Department which is against the existing rules".

GOVT. CONTEMPLATING ACTION

The Government is carefully watching the developments and the transport authorities, it is understood, "are contemplating the confiscation of controlled vehicles which were given out to owners for plying on hire on different routes, if they do not immediately resume their bus service".

As regards vehicles which are not controlled, the authorities contemplate cancellation of licences and permits of the owners if they continue the strike and substitute new buses to mitigate the hardships of the travelling public.

WHY THIS HASTE?

Meanwhile Mr. Krishna Dutta Paliwal, President of the United Provinces Provincial Congress Committee has issued a statement appealing to the strikers to give up the "strike" in view of the great inconvenience caused to the travelling public". He says: "There is no emergency justifying the manner in which the present administration is forcing its scheme through and no popular Government that may assume the reins of office a few months hence will be bound to continue any arrangements made at this time".

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10-YEAR HEALTH PLAN FOR INDIA

Committee Suggests Village As Nucleus For Organisation

BOMBAY, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.): For the first time in the history of India, a comprehensive ten-year plan for health, approximately costing 1,000 crores of rupees by way of capital and recuring expenditure, has been suggested by way of capital and recurring Development Committee.

Personal health services, including the directional organisations associated with ministries of public health, professional education, and expenditure on other items, it is estimated, will require 163 crores in the first five years British India; and the next five years will require 200 crores, which will complete a ten-year programme.

The Committee which is presided over by Sir Joseph Bhore aims at a target of one doctor for every two thousand citizens. This target figure is to be reached by the year 1971.

VILLAGE AS NUCLEUS

The committee takes the village as the nucleus for health organisation, and suggests building upwards.

A group of villages with a population of 20,000 is to be in charge of traned doctor.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY UNITS

Each Primary unit will have a health committee consisting of enthusiastic village workers who will participate in local health measures. Without this goodwill, the health committee are of opinion that these schemes will not succeed.

Above the Secondary Centre at will be a Secondary Centre to provide for a population of five to six lakhs, which besides supervising the work of the Primary Centres, will have specialist staff, and hospital and laboratory facilities of a higher type of health service than is given through the Primary Centre.

Above the Secondry Centre is to be the District Centre where a higher type of health organisation will be installed.

VILLAGERS' TASK

The Provincial Health Department, which supervises the health services of the province, is to be advised by the Health Survey and Development Committee to interfere as little as possible with the Primary and Seondryc organisations, and to encourage them to act independently and display initiative in tackling their problems.

ESCAPED FROM KOLHAPUR JAIL

Three Scale Wall And Mix With Crowd In Market Outside

KOLHAPUR, Dec. 25, (A.P.I.): Three persons from the Kolhapur Central Jail are reported to have escaped las night. One of them was Mally Hanbar, son of Kashibai Hanbar of the wellknown "Pangire" episode, who was alleged to have assaulted a police constable in the jail some days ago. Another prisoner Laxman Daji Mendak had escaped from the courtroom in 1943 while he was being tried. The third person is understood to be one Hannu Berad convicted on the charge of dacoity.

All the three prisoners are suspected to have scaled the wall of the Central Jail and mixed with the crowed in the market outside the Jail compound.

Local Self-Govt. Institute For Mysore

BANGALORE, Dec. 23 (API): The two-day session of the Conference of Presidents of City, Town and Minor Municipal Councils and District Boards in Mysore State decided to constitute a local Self-Government Institute in the State with the object of co-ordinating the activities of the local authorities and training the people in the principles and practice of local self-Government, and to undertake study of and research into the problems of local self-Government.

MASS STARVATION IN HUNGARY

LONDON, Dec 24, (U. P. A.): Hungarian officials are losing hope of averting mass starvation in Budapest and other large towns this winter, despatches from Hungary reported to-day.

These dispatches said that the Hungarian Minister of Supply announced that food stocks are beginning to run out—a month earlier than expected—and general rations are reported to have been reduced to near starvation level.

Meanwhile, the Hungarian Government has sent urgent appeals to the Big Three for relief.

The dispatches said that a serious situation has also been caused by lack of transport.

King's X'mas Message To Merchant Navy

LONDON, Dec. 25. (Reuter): The King, in a Christmas message to the Merchant Navy and fishing fleet, "whom fate can never surprise nor death dismay", wishes all blessings of peace and present happiness.

Travancore And Princes Chamber Executive

TRIVANDRUM, Dec. 25, (A.P.I.): With reference to the announcement made regarding nomination of members to the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar, speaking on behalf of Travancore, stated: "Travancore has not taken part and does not propose to take part in any of the activities of the Chambers of Princes and therefore has had nothing to do with the election to the Standing Committee which cannot be regarded as representing the interests of this State."

HYDERABAD, (Sind) Dec. 24, (A.P.I.) A gang of six armed dacoits are reported to have looted property worth Rs. 60,000 from the village of Matli yesterday.

The property includes a horse which the Zamindar of the village is said to have bought at Rs. 10,000 and its gold saddle worth Rs. 25,000.

Theory Of Relativity And Atomic Bomb

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (UPA): Connection of the Theory of Relativity with the atomic bomb probably has re-stimulated popular appetite for enlightenment on Einstein's work. For the "lay reader" with a taste for mathematical formula who would like to tackle an explanation thereof, Lilian R. Leiber presents her book, "The Einstein Theory of Relativity" (Farrar and Reinhart).

Informally and with infinite patience, Mrs. Leiber employs diagram, formula and a conversational prose style to lay bare the concepts of the master. She has written for the reader who wants his relativity demonstrated mathematically and who will enjoy using his high-school algebra and geometry to follow the formulae covering each step of the theory.

Albert Einstein himself comments on the book, "Not only stimulating to the layman, but also will tend to counteract too narrow specialisation on the part of professional mathematicians".

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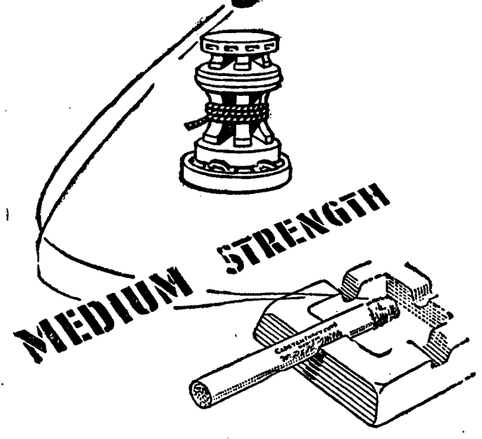

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NATIONALIST MUSLIMS LAUNCH ELECTION DRIVE IN SUBURBS

Adam Adil On Why They Can't Join League

The suburban Nationalist Muslims launched their election campaign for the forthcoming Provincial Assembly election with a meeting at Hill Road, Bandra, on Sunday evening. The meeting which was well-attended was convened by the Suburban Nationalist Muslims Election Board and was presided over by Mr. Husein B. Tyebji.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Adam Adil observed that the fact that Nationalist Muslims did not fare well in the elections of the Central Legislative Assembly signified that the upper class Muslims who constituted the voting strength at the Central Assembly election had the League in their hands. He was confident that the results of the Provincial elections would show that the Muslim, masses were definitely with the nationalists.

REPLY TO. JINNAH

Replying to Mr. Jinnah's appeal that if the Nationalist Muslims did not agree with the League policy they should form separate organizations of their own without joining the Congress, Mr. Adil said that such a course was impossible, because along with the Hindus the Nationalist Muslims also had made enough sacrifice in building up the Congress, and they, therefore, could not detach themselves from that body. Only by aligning themselves with the Congress would the Muslims be able to immortalize their glorious role in country's struggle for freedom, said Mr. Adil.

The speaker further said that as long as the League remained obsessed with the idea of Pakistan, it was impossible for Nationalist Muslims to join the League.

PLAYING INTO HANDS OF BRITISH

Raju Gulzar Khan traced the history of the League and said that the League was responsible for the present political deadlock in the country. He regretted that Mr. Jinnah was playing into the hands of the British.

CALCUTTA RETURNS TO NORMAL

(From Our Correspondent)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 16: Calcutta is slowly returning to normal after a hectic week during the Working Committee's meeting. But one still comes across crowds of students, men and women, shouting 'Jai Hind' and 'Delhi Chalo'. Their cries are picked up by people returning from work.

The Congress Working Committee session in Calcutta has been a great morale-booster. Bengal had begun to feel a bit isolated from current political trends, because of her nerves snapped under war, cholera and famine.

Hydari Leaves For Goa

BOMBAY, Tuesday

Sir Akbar Hydari, Member for Information and Broadcasting and Industries and Civil Supplies, Government of India, left Bombay for Goa on Monday by the boat "Lot's Wife". He is expected to be back in Bombay on or about December 28.

The Dev Samaj Mahotsav or 95th Birthday anniversary of Bhagwan Dev Atma was celebrated at Lahore from 17th to 21st inst. About one thousand pilgrims poured into Mandir from near and distant places of the Punjab and its neighbouring States, from Sind, Baluchistan, N.W.F. Province, Imperial Province of Delhi and U. P., etc.

Health Exhibition At Vile Parle

Dr. G. V. Deshmukh, M.L.A. (Central) opened a Health Exhibition at Vile Parle on Sunday last, organised by the Kumarika and Stri Mandal, in the midst of a large gathering.

Welcoming, Dr. Deshmukh, Mrs. Lilaben Shah, the President, gave a brief account of the activities of the Mandal. The Mandal was primarily interested in the social and economic welfare of the girls and women of Vile Parle, and had so far concentrated their activities after the education of the children and women, and were organising the sale of some household articles prepared by its members. They had not taken up so far the all important problem of the health of women, and hoped that the opening of the Health Exhibition and the Health Week would be a good beginning for earnest efforts in that direction.

In this connection, Mrs. Shah referred to the appalling health conditions in this country.

She also referred to the very unsatisfactory state of affairs in the Andheri-Parle Municipality.

Dr. Deshmukh thanked the Kumarika and Stri Mandal for inviting him to preside over the function. He said that the main responsibility of looking after the health of the nation rested with the Government of a country, and referred to the excellent work done during the war by various Governments in the maintenance of good health of their people. Unfortunately, we had a foreign Government which showed lack of interest in vital matters, such as health, education, etc., and it was left to the people and the voluntary organisations to look after such matters of national importance.

FUTURE OF GUJERAT VIDYAPITH

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 24. (A. P. I.): "Gandhism or the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi is not passive but aggressive and dynamic," said Acharya J. B. Kripalani General Secretary of the Indian National Congress addressing a gathering of the ex-students of the Gujerat Vidyapith which was founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1920 to impart national education.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in his message stated that the Gujerat Vidyapith was founded for the attainment of Swaraj. It had given its contribution properly to that end. And when that end was nearing fulfilment they might be thinking of the future work.

Acharya Kripalani said that the building of the Vidyapith was to be used as a boarding house for students who believed in Mahatma Gandhi's ideology and wanted to devote themselves to the prosecution of the Constructive Programme. "Mahatma Gandhi's genuis sees light where others are groping in darkness said Acharya Kripalani, "and his Constructive Programme will give real education to students studying in ordinary schools and colleges."

Recalling his five years' experience as Principal of the Gujerat Vidyapith, Acharya Kripalani said that they were the best years of his life. He had worked as professor before but they breathed an atmosphere of freedom in the Gujerat Vidyapith which had spread its fragrance throughout Gujerat. It was impossible to revive the old institution but its building could be utilised for working Mahatma Gandhi's programme.

Mr. Kripalani congratulated Mr. Vadilal Lalubhai Mehta, an old student of the Vidyapith who has been elected to the Central Legislative Assembly by the Ahmedabad Millowner' Association on the Congress ticket.

LATTHE ON DIRECT ACTION

BELGAUM, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.): Mr. A. B. Latthe, former Congress Minister of Bombay in a discussion with prominent Congress workers here said that it was not true that he did not agree with the principles of the August Resolution on non-violent direct action but in view of the then impending Japanese attack on India, he was of the opinion that passing of that resolution was inopportune and was disadvantageous to the interests of the nation.

Mr. Latthe said, "people are under the wrong impression that I do not believe nor do I approve of direct action. Non-violent direct action is the right of people and I approve of it. This weapon must be used whenever necessary. To resort to the breach of law at the right moment is the right of every citizen and I never doubted it, before nor do I doubt it now."

Idar Subjects' Demands

HIMATNAGAR, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.): Ademand for the establishment of Responsible Government in Idar State at an early date was made at a Conference of the State subjects held at Vadali. The conference passed a resolution urging the State to reduce taxation increased during the war.

CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Magsar Vad 8, 2002.
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Sunrise: 7-10 a.m. Sunset: 6-9 p.m.
Hightide 4.52, 17.46.
Lowtide: 11.47, 23.00.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

MERCHANT—Gokaldas Jivandas, father of Kisandas Gokaldas Merchant (of Bai Kabibai Trust) died, on 24th December, 1945. Uthamna Ceremony on 27th December, Thursday, at 4 p.m. (B. T.), at his residence, Contractor Building, Dubash Lane, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Bombay.

To-day's Engagements

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "The Second Birth" is the subject of a talk to be delivered and followed by Questions and Answers, at 6.15 to-day, Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

PROF. O. C. GANGOLY: Professor O. C Gangoly who has returned to India after delivering lectures on Buddhist Art, is on a visit to Bombay where he will stay from 27th to 30th December with Mr. N. H. Pandia, Solicitor, "Ananda Kanan" Harvey Road, Gamdevi.

SRI RAMANA SATCHIDANANDA SAMAJ: Ramana Jayanthi Celebration Sri Sadguru Pooja, at 10.30 a.m. and grand procession with music at 8 p.m. to-day, at Bhuta Niwas, King's Circle, Matunga.

BOMBAY TAMIL SANGHAM: A talk by Prof. Krishnamurti, 9 p.m. to-day, at Sangham Premises on "Higher Education—Need for a New Outlook".

ESPLANADE HIGH SCHOOLS PHYSICAL EDUCATION DAY

The boys of Esplanade High School, Esplanade Middle School and New Esplanade Primary School observed the 3rd Physical Education Day on Saturday. The boys of these three schools assembled in the Christ Maidan and with enthusiasm and joy went through an interesting programme which consisted of a display of mass drill in which 400 boys participated. There were also a number of sports items in which many boys took part.

After the Jt. Principal Desai had explained the significance of the Physical Education Day and dwelt at length on physical training, tracing its history from the earliest times to the present day and stressing its importance as a factor of education the President addressed the gathering.

NAGPADA TALUKA CONGRESS SAMITI STUDY CIRCLE: Raje Saheb Guljar Khan of Gujrath will speak on "Discipline and Duties of Volunteers" to-day, at 8.30 p.m., at Hirji Govindji Building, Nagpada.

DASTUR BODE'S LECTURE: To-day (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. at Alexandra Girls' School, Wauby Road on "Christ and Oriental Product of Idealism".

ROHIDAS TURUN SUDHARAK SANGH: General meeting of the Sangh will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 6-30 p.m. at R. M. Bhatt High School, Parel, to consider as to whom to vote in the panel election of the Bombay Legislative Assembly by Charmkar community.

SHRADHANAND DAY: Under the auspices of twelve Arya Samajs and Arya Veer Dal Shree "Swami Shradhanand Balidanotsava" will be held at Lower Parel to-day (Wednesday), at 5.30 p.m., under the presidentship of Raja Narayanlal Bansilal Pittie.

Army Clothing Factory Workers' Strike

(From A Correspondent)

SHAHJAHANPUR, (By Mail).

Since 19th inst. 12,000 workers of the largest Army Clothing Factory in India at Shahjahanpur are on strike. The strikers are peaceful and afford no opportunity to the authorities to hurl down repression on them. Despite this, the President of the Workers' Union and a member of the U. P. Muslim League Council Mr. Mashooq Ali Khan and many Union activists were and are being arrested. Empty lorries are parading the city to pick-up any would be back-legs, without anyone paying any heed to them. A handful of persons who black-legged on the first day of the strike have apologised in the mass rally of workers and citizens held on 20th.

STRIKE CONTINUES.

On the third day of the strike, the strikers are peaceful. About a 100 activists of the Workers' Union have been arrested. Instead of the workers being cowed down by this unprovoked repression, enthusiasm is mounting. Empty lorries are patrolling the city. The Supervisors and Chargemen are working as tailors, oil men, coolies etc.

Selections For Boxing Day Races

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(By Our Racing Correspondent)

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6th race: Hotch Potch 1. Paravant 2. Embassy Row 3.
7th race: Royal Page 1. Ice Box 2. Kotor 3.
8th race: Mannawi 1. Chief Ruler 2. Hindustan 3.
9th race: Manjri Delight 1. Prince Saleem 2. Chirag 3.
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TO-DAY ON RADIO

WEDNESDAY, Dec 26.
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244 m. (1,231 kc/s) 8-0 a.m. News (H) 8.15 News (E) 8-30 Selections (M) 8.50 News (M) 9.0 News (G) 9.10 Programme Parade 9-15 Azmat Husain Khan 9.45 M. K. D Faridi (Been) 10.15 Chintopant Gurav 11.0 AIR Orchestra 11.15 Moghubai Kurdikar. 12-15 p.m. Sitar 12.25 G. N. Joshi 12.45 News (M) 12.50 News (G) 12-55 News (H) 1.0 Kalyani (Vocal) 1-20 Sarangi Recital 1.30 News (E) 1.40 Music 2-30 Break for Lunch 4.20 Azmat Husain Khan 4.55 M. K. D Faridi (Been) 5.25 Kalyani: (Vocal) 5.45 Topical Talk 5-55 Locals 6.0 Chintopant Gurav 6.20 Tarana 6.30 News (E) 6-40 News (H) 6.45 Kalyani (Vocal) 7.0 Music from Film 7.15 Vidyalakshmi Mehta and Party (G Choruses) 7.30 Programme (M B. B. C) 8-0 Nae Nae Film 8.15 News (M) 8.30 News (G) 8.45 V. Mehta and Party (G. Choruses) 9.0 News (H) 9.20 News (E) 9.30 B. B. C. News 9.40 Kashtatarang 9.45 Chapter and Verse 10.0 Moghubai Kurdikar.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Happiness is the lot of him who works for others' happiness.
—Zoroaster.

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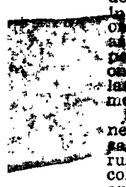
PLANNING FOR HEALTH

The Report of the All-India Health Survey and Development Committee, also called the Bhore Committee, has not yet been published, but according to an Associated Press forecast, the Report suggests, "for the first time in the history of India a comprehensive ten-year plan for health" approximately costing Rs. 1,000 crores by way of capital and recurring expenditure. It is unnecessary to consider the details of this total cost before the full report is published. We shall only say at present that, huge as this amount is, it is not too large for the purpose in view. Nor is it beyond India's means in the next few years if Britain honours her debts to us. It will be more pertinent at present to consider some of the main features of the plan apart from its cost According to the Associated Press forecast, the plan is to ensure one doctor for every 2,000 citizens and this target figure is expected to be reached by the year 1971. The period for the completion of the plan doubtless appears to be too long to enthuse any body. But considering the present extremely backward conditions in India and the tortuously slow progress, it would surely be something to reach the target in twenty-five years. At present the number of doctors on the medical registers in India is about 47,000 that is, one doctor for about 6,800 people as against one for 1,000 persons in England, but to have one doctor for 2,000 of the population we shall need nearly 140,000 more doctors.



It is a big task to train so many new doctors in the next two decades or so and get them to serve rural areas. Many new medical colleges will have to be started and the existing ones expanded. To abolish, as suggested by some, the existing medical schools providing diploma courses, as distinct from the degree courses provided in colleges, is hardly expedient, and every attempt must be made by Government to develop the present schools into colleges, if at all it is decided to abolish the simpler diploma courses. Then there is the problem of organising a vast network of Government or Local Board dispensaries in rural areas or persuading qualified doctors to practise permanently in such areas by giving them a subsidy or otherwise. We do not yet know how the Bhore Committee proposes to solve this difficult problem. But the problem must be solved, whatever the cost. The present provision of medical relief in rural areas is scandalously inadequate.

It should, however, be noted in this connection that national health cannot be fully safeguarded through medical relief alone, in the sense of curing or preventing disease through drugs. Modern sanitation methods, adequate supply of pure water and nutritious food and wide-spread instruction in health and hygiene are also essential measures everywhere. They are particularly so in India, where, as pointed out by Dr. Rochiram Amesur in his presidential speech at the All-India Medical Conference a Amritsar, almost all the diseases and epidemics of the world have their home and where malnutrition, low vitality of the people and their appalling poverty are the root causes of disease. At the same time Dr. Rochiram feels that if the National Government that is coming, the public and, in particular, the medical profession co-operate, it should be possible to build up an India "where health and physical education will make the people robust and sanitary-minded; where the drainage and the water supply of our 7 lakhs of villages will be a matter of national importance; where a balanced diet will be provided to the people by the inclusion of the necessary vitamins in their food supply; where modern schemes of rural and urban housing will form part and parcel of national existence; where food will be stored and distributed on uptodate sanitary lines; and where every citizen will become a missionary of good health, hygiene and good living". Doctor Amesur also expects that much useful light will be thrown on the task of achieving this ideal by the Report of the Bhore Committee. He expects the Report to be "an organic whole", "a well-balanced scheme from top to bottom, intended to take medical help, nursing, midwifery, health and sanitation to the doors of the people". Let us hope the Report will not belie these expectations and will enable the new Government to expedite the most urgently needed measures to safeguard the country's health, after all the people have suffered these long years of war famine and pestilence.

Negotiating The Hurdle

Cheering news has been broadcast by the Moscow radio that the Foreign Ministers of the "Big Three", who have been confabulating there, have reached an agreement regarding the procedure to be followed in drafting the peace treaties with the erstwhile enemy states of Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland. The conference at which the peace treaties will be signed is timed to meet not later than May 1, 1946. Of course, the treaties will come into effect only after they are ratified by all the states which will be signatories to them. It appears to have been decided that France will be a party to the treaty with Italy on equal terms with the other Powers who will be signatories. This assures France a voice in the final settlement with Italy. In the early stages of the war with the European Axis Powers, France had advanced certain territorial claims against Italy, and it remains to be seen whether Great Britain and U. S. A. will agree to concede some at least of these claims.

Britain and Russia are to be the Allied signatories to the treaty with Finland. Why U. S. A. has chosen to drop out has not been explained. Both prior to and during the war she had been taking a good deal of interest in Finnish affairs and expressing grave concern as to that country's future. Probably U. S. A. thinks her interests are safe in the hands of Britain. In respect of the treaties with the Balkan States of Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary, however, the American Government wants to have its say and she will be co-signatory with Soviet-Russia and Britain.

The initial hurdle in connection with the Peace Treaties, which, because of strong differences among the "Big Three", could not be crossed all these months, has now been successfully negotiated and the world will heave a sigh of relief. The drafting of the treaties will engage the attention of the deputies of the various Powers for the next three or four months. Till then the world will have to wait with patience to see what the European mountain in labour brings forth.

Frankly Speaking

The Pope's Broadcast

In his broadcast on Christmas Eve Pope Pius XII took the occasion to denounce totalitarianism as "incompatible with true and healthy democracy" and stressed the need for "close co-operation between all nations and the absence of all cunning". He also denounced the inhuman way in which prisoners of war, political prisoners and deportees had been treated. The Pope did not specify the totalitarianisms he was denouncing. It is to be hoped that he had all totalitarianisms and not merely non-Catholic ones in his view. One is obliged to make a reference to such a distinction, because in the past the Vatican had been showing itself reluctant to criticise the misdeeds of the totalitarian regimes of General Franco in Spain and of Mussolini in Italy. On the other hand, the Vatican was very vehement in its denunciation of the Spanish republicans and indirectly applauded, the Italian Fascist campaign against the Ethiopians. It had not a word in condemnation of the horrible atrocities perpetrated by Mussolini's soldiery against the Ethiopians. In both cases the aggressive totalitarianisms happened to wear the Catholic label and their victims non-Catholic ones. The Vatican has also been a vehement denunciator of Russia because the Soviet has dethroned the church in that country, from the totalitarian position it had occupied for centuries past in the life of the people. The sectarian distinctions which the Vatican has been making while denouncing "totalitarianism" in theory, naturally make the critical world sceptic regarding the periodical anathemas which it issues and oblige it to ask for more specific comments.

An Unconvincing Certificate

The certificate, which Mr. Peter Fraser, New Zealand Premier, has given to the British in respect of their doings in Indonesia, will leave every impartial observer of recent events in South-East Asia quite cold. His assurance that Britain "has no aggrandisement or Imperialism in mind" is true only partially. It may be perfectly correct to say that Britain has no intention of establishing her own sway over any of the Indonesian islands, but that what she is doing in Indonesia at present is in the interests of Imperialism, albeit of the Dutch brand, cannot be denied. The British Foreign Secretary has officially admitted that his Government is under an obligation to the Dutch Government to put it in saddle once again in Indonesia. The reasons for propping up Dutch imperialism in the South Pacific are obvious, for if the freedom movement in Indonesia is unchecked it may infect the populations of Malaya and other nearby British colonies with a desire to shake off the British yoke. Britain wants to safeguard against such an unpleasant eventuality by nipping in the bud the Indonesian movement. The contention of Mr. Fraser, therefore, that Britain has no imperialist designs in Indonesia is a mere euphemism. Similarly his plea that the British "were given a job to do by the Supreme Allied Command and are fulfilling the task," is a lame one, since it all depends on how the job is done, and the world has seen how the British have proceeded about the accomplishing their task.

U. S. A. & China

It is obvious from the statements made by President Truman and General Marshall in respect of China that the U. S. Government means to make a determined attempt to secure a unified China. General Marshall's present mission appears to be conceived with that one object. President Truman has made it clear beyond all doubt that his Government will continue to recognise Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek's National Government as "the only legal Government in China" and will lend it every support, short of military intervention, to stabilize itself. For proof of such a settled policy, one may note the increasing help which is being rendered direct to the National Government in providing naval and aerial facilities for conveying Nationalist troops to Manchuria. This is being done in spite of Communist opposition and is calculated to facilitate the reoccupation of Manchuria by the Nationalist troops, instead by the Communists. At the same time, President Truman has made it clear to Chiang-Kai-Shek's Government that America expects the latter to put its house in order by democratising the legislature as well as Government, which are at present more or less totalitarian. The financial help, which Chiang-Kai-Shek's Government is seeking from America, would be conditional on its acceptance of the advice tendered by the American Government. One notices an outcry in the Chinese press against acceptance by Chiang-Kai-Shek's Government of any terms which would fetter China's political or economic freedom and make her subservient to the United States. Until one knows all the conditions, sought to be imposed in return for the financial assistance, it is difficult to forecast to what extent the vital interests of China are likely to be jeopardised by the Dollar Diplomacy. It is to be earnestly hoped that President Truman's Government has none but righteous designs in respect of China.

Our Readers' Views

"Teachers & Communal Unity"

The letter which appeared in your paper under the caption "Teachers and Communal Unity" has contributed greatly towards the clearing away of scepticism prevailing on the question of Hindu-Muslim Unity. The incident cited is one more proof that Hindus and Muslims can no longer live in a common fold. The chief Hindu pilots of the Congress may speak eloquently on the brotherhood of Hindus and Muslims but their vehement outbursts shall not mislead the Muslims who have had their views moulded in the school of experience. It is high time that something real and effective should emerge out which would act as a clue to the present deadlock.

"A REALIST".

Poona, Dec. 20.

Two Nation Theory

It is very strange that this two nation theory should spring up all of a sudden after so many years of the advent of Islam in India. Perhaps India is the only country where such theories and cries for Pakistans are raised. Muslims inhabit a great many places in the globe and have always claimed brotherly love for each other but never a separate nation or desired a separate world for themselves. It would show a great weakness in our religion to talk of such things. On the contrary when we point out examples of high morals, love and fellow-feeling displayed by Muslims others have always admired Islam. When God says in our Holi Quran that the first duty of every Muslim is to see the needs of his neighbour; He does not say that we should enquire into his religion. Are we not of the same flesh and blood, same language, similar habits, same race and do we not share our joys and sorrows with others? Have we not our common friends and common enemies? Will these who are enamoured of the two nation theory quote a single example where our Hindu Brethren have taken part or justified any onslaught on Muslims or their countries by British, Americans, Russians or any other nation?

There is glaring example of the practical application of the two nation theory and Pakistan in Ireland. Many times Mr. DeValera and other Irish Republicans have been elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly by the North Irish people but if ever they dared to cross the borders—war be unto them! Irish history is glorious example to us Indians not to tread the inglorious path of partition.

To beg Pakistan from the British is a humiliating for us Muslims. It is high time we diverted our energies to better purpose—fight for the freedom of our country; freedom from exploitation, freedom from want and thus glorify Islam, and thereby free other Muslim countries too Iraq, Iran, Arabia, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Palestine, Transjorden, Turkey and other Muslims in the exploited countries.

S. A. BHIMJEE.

VOTE FOR MAJLIS CANDIDATES

Abbas Ali's Appeal To Jinnah Not To Hold Up Swaraj

CALICUT, Dec. 24 (A. P. I.): It was un-Islamic on the part of the Muslim League and Mr. Jinnah to hold up Swaraj when the Congress by its untold sufferings and sacrifices was on the eve of attaining the country's cherished goal said Mr. Abbas Ali, former Chief Presidency Magistrate, Madras, presiding over a mass meeting of Muslims from different parts of Malabar convened for inaugurating the election campaign on behalf of the Kerala Muslim Majlis.

Mr. Abbas Ali criticised the League's demand for Pakistan. In his opinion it was not good for the country. He said that there was nothing common between the Muslims of Malabar and the Muslims of the Punjab, Bengal or Sind. He added that it was not possible for Mr. Jinnah to establish Pakistan Government except in Sind. In the Punjab and Bengal, it was not possible for the League to establish their own Government without the co-operation of other communities. In their own interest he would advise them to live in amity with the Hindus and at the same time see that their interests were safeguarded by the Congress.

Dr. Abdul Hakim inaugurated the election campaign appealing to Muslims to vote for Majlis candidates.

Mr. K. V. Nuruddin, President of the Kerala Majlis paid a tribute to the services of Mr. Abbas Ali to the Moplah community during the Moplah rebellion in 1920-22.

India's Financial Interests In Peril

(CONTRIBUTED)

Although India was vitally interested in the recent negotiations in Washington regarding a loan agreement in substitution of Lease-Lend and monetory arrangements between Britain and the United States of America, the subject has not received as much public attention as it deserves. This is partly due, no doubt, to the dissolution of the Central Legislature as well as to the public preoccupation with the elections and the Constitutional question. Nevertheless, it is essential to demand information and clarification of certain important issues as well as to obtain an assurance from the Government about their attitude and policy in relation to International Monetary Agreement, Sterling Balances and Empire Dollar Pool. It is understood that these questions were dealt with at the last meeting of the General Policy Committee held in Delhi but, unfortunately, no publicity has been given to the proceedings of that Committee. It is gathered from press reports, however, that the Finance Member wanted to ascertain the views of the Committee on ratification of the Bretton Woods Agreement by Ordinance, if necessary. The concensus of opinion of the non-official members was that such ratification should not be made except after full discussion in and with the consent of the Central Legislature. Assurances given by Sir Jeremy Raisman, the late Finance Member of the Government of India, in this respect, showed that the Government had agreed to adopt this procedure. The Government of India, however, have decided to ratify the Agreement by an Ordinance as the last date for such ratification, they say, is 31st December. It is, therefore, necessary for public opinion to insist that no action should be taken by the Government of India, as they have done in the case of the San Francisco Agreement, to ratify the Bretton Woods Agreement without a full debate in the Central Legislature. This is, of course, altogether apart from the question of the present "care-taker Government" entering into commitments on the international level about which a note of warning was sounded in the Resolution of the Congress Working Committee held in Bombay.

WASHINGTON TALKS AND INDIA

It is necessary to ask whether the Government of India were consulted or even kept advised about the negotiations at Washington. Who represented the Government of India there and did that representative keep the Government fully and continuously informed? For example, the question of scaling down of Sterling debts has been frequently and authoritatively mentioned. It was also stated that the Dominions were consulted by Lord Halifax and Lord Keynes. But India, as the largest holder of Sterling balances, was the most important party likely to be affected. Indian public opinion is, therefore, entitled to ask whether the representative of India at Washington was consulted and what advice did the Government of India give in this respect? It is also necessary to enquire whether the Reserve Bank of India was consulted. It is understood that at the meeting of the General Policy Committee, the Finance Member mentioned that the Government of India were being generally kept advised about the broad trend of negotiations and also that they had made it clear that they would not be committed to any decisions regarding the settlement of the Sterling question unless they had been previously consulted and their consent obtained. If this is true, then the fact should be more widely known than it is and the Government owe it to the public to make it clear the stand they have taken or propose to take 'vis-a-vis' the Washington talks and Agreement.

DOLLAR-STERLING DETERMINING WORLD DESTINY

Incidentally, it is of interest to note that while the demand of the Indian Delegation at Bretton Woods to have the question of Sterling balances included in the general scheme of international monetary arrangement was defeated and they were told that it was a matter for bilateral negotiations between U.K. and her creditors including India, the recent Washington negotiations have fully justified the stand taken by the Indian Delegation. In other words, it has been recognised now that the Sterling balances question is an integral part of the whole problem of international monetary settlement and can only be determined by multilateral arrangements. But if the Indian point of vitw had been accepted at Bretton Woods, the question would have been discussed on an international plane when the representatives of the countries concerned, including India, would have been present. In Washington, on the other hand, the economic and financial claims of other countries were determined behind closed doors by two big Powers without any representation of the other countries concerned. India, in fact, was used as a bargaining counter in the Anglo-Americans negotiations. The Big Two—Dollar and Sterling—are seeking to determine the economic destiny of as much of the world as they dominate. This is not far from the "key nation approach" which certain U.S. A. bankers advocated last year whereby the Dollar and Sterling between them should first determine the whole question instead of having an international approach as at Bretton Woods. Indeed, one cannot help recalling this as a kind of parallel to the schemes adumbrated by Chamberlain and Hoare offering other people's land to Italy. Here it is other people's money which is going to be sacrificed in order to enable Britain to obtain credit facilities from U.S.A.

INDIA SUFFERS WHETHER CREDITOR OR DEBTOR

When India was a debtor, no one ever talked or even whispered about scaling down of her debts. Even a reasonable demand for the impartial examination of India's external obligations was denounced as repudiation of debt and that, too, by people who themselves made only token payments to U.S.A. after the last war and are now seeking to circumvent their obligations under Lease-Lend. Indeed, safeguards were imposed in the Constitution to see that India's debts (consisting of many items which could in no way be legitimately imposed on India) were fully paid. Now that India is a creditor instead of a debtor, we are told that under the existing international conditions safeguards will have to be imposed on the creditor rather than the debtor. In short, whether as a creditor or as a debtor, India must sacrifice. It is again a case of "heads I win, tails you lose."

(To Be Continued)

BENGAL GOVERNOR ON INDUSTRIAL FUTURE OF INDIA

Engineers Will Play Important Role

(From Our Correspondent)

JAMSHEDPUR, (By Mail).

Welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Casey at a luncheon party in Jamshedpur, Sir Jehangir Gandhi said, "We all know what Mr. Casey did for Bengal at a critical time of its history. Bengal was then gradually emerging from a famine crisis but the spread of disease was creating fresh problems. In addition to the task of social rehabilitation, the Government of the province was deeply concerned with preparations for a base for operations against Japan. That His Excellency was better equipped than anyone else to grapple with these various problems has been proved by the energy and success with which he tackled them. As His Excellency the Viceroy observed in the course of his speech to the Associated Chambers of Commerce at Calcutta last week, no man has worked more whole-heartedly for Bengal than he has done during these two years, no man could have accomplished more in so short a time. He has certainly shown Bengal the road to recovery and progress.

His Excellency the Governor, in reply, thanked Sir Jehangir Gandhi and others for a kind welcome that had been accorded to Mrs. Casey and himself and said he was glad to have had an opportunity of seeing this great enterprise. Mr. Essington Lewis, who had been in India recently, had also expressed to him a very high opinion about this plant and the associated industries in Jamshedpur.

Referring to the Steel Plant in particular His Excellency said that the plant in Jamshedpur was one of the few entirely modern iron and steel plants in the world. If what he had seen this morning was an example of what India could do, then India had, in industrial as in other fields, a very great future. Once the present political difficulties were got over and adjustments made, India would advance by leaps and bounds.

His Excellency then referred to the various problems confronting Bengal today and stressed in particular the importance of carrying out the various schemes he had announced in his recent broadcasts. He was certain that the whole face of Bengal could be changed within a period of ten years, provided initiative and drive was shown in pushing through some of these great schemes, the successful realisation of which he would watch from Australia with great interest. In this task, engineers had a very great part to play.

India Today Is Like Ireland After Black & Tan Episode

Jawahar Refers To "What Might Happen" In This Country, In Letter To Vijayalakshmi

The following is an extract from a letter, dated July 26, from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to his sister Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit. The extract is reproduced from the "Voice of India", the organ of the National Committee for Indian Freedom:—

"Simla was a strain. Partly because of the business in hand, but even more so because of the large numbers of friends and acquaintances whom I had not seen for years and was naturally anxious to meet.

"There were others, Rajas and Maharajas, whom I was not so anxious to meet, who were continually pressing me to lunch or dine with them.

"From Simla I came straight to Kashmir, spending two sleepless nights on the way because of vast crowds at every railway station. It was extraordinary to see these people, emotionally wound up, deprived of outlets for three years, coming at all hours of the night and behaving almost hysterically. I was annoyed often enough but I was moved also by this pouring out of affection in such abundant measure. And so to Kashmir.....

"I can hardly discuss high politics in this letter. The subject is too long and intricate to be dealt with briefly. Still I might as well indicate to you (what you perhaps already know) that we decided to make every effort to make the Simla Conference a success. It was not an easy matter for us, for the past three years have affected our people very deeply, and, I think, changed them considerably. Intense passion has been aroused and the iron has entered the soul of large numbers of the Indian people.

Something that happened in Ireland in the early twenties after the Black and Tan episode is happening here, or rather, taking shape in the minds of men. I am not referring to the communal question here, though that is important enough in its own sphere. It is the purely political aspect I am dealing with here.

Any one who knows recent Irish history will understand what I mean, and will be able to form some picture of what might happen in India in the future. Most outsiders are of course entirely ignorant, as they are of most other aspects, and judge superficially some outstanding questions like the communal question.

I.C.S. SABOTAGE AT SIMLA

"With this background it is not possible to drive the people beyond a certain limit. Yet we went far, very far, considering our whole background and especially the last three years which stand out in every Indian's mind. We did so because we considered the position to-day in all its aspects, national and international, and decided on this course. We went so far that we surprised our opponents and rather knocked them off their balance.

Finding that the Congress was anxious to come to a temporary and interim settlement, the big guns of the I.C.S. (Indian Civil Service) were frightened and made every effort to sabotage such a settlement. They succeeded with the help of other forces. The communal question came to their help There was, of course, no question of an odd seat here or an odd person there. The issues were deeper and involved, so far as we were concerned with, a complete breaking of our national organization. I think everyone, or almost everyone, recognized our bona fides in the matter and realized that we had made every effort to arrive at a settlement.

"The situation is now fluid. I do not know how things will shape themselves. The Viceroy may take some further step, as he hinted, though what this will be I cannot say. Anyway, one thing is certain, that we cannot remain where we are. Changes in the situation this way or that are inevitable.

NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT PROPAGANDA ABROAD

"In such a situation it is obviously difficult for me to leave India. And yet it may be possible for me to do so. I am myself anxious to go abroad and especially to America. Whether the Government will come in the way of this or not, I do not know, but apart from that there are other hurdles.

"I have no illusions of so-called propaganda abroad, and even if I went abroad, I do not intend to plead for India's cause. I'm not going to sit on anybody's threshold and plead any cause. That just rubs me the wrong way. But I recognize the value of contacts and exchange of ideas in this changing world, and of ever keeping and thinking of India in the context of the world. If I go, therefore, it will be more to satisfy an inner psychological need than to influence others. And if I go, it can only be for a relatively short period. The pull of India and our people is too great for me to be absent for long, specially in these trying and changing times, when new problems and situations are continually arising.

"You know that your work in the States has been very greatly appreciated here by all kinds of people. You have done a splendid job, as no one else could have done in the circumstances. The immediate consequences may not be obvious, but I am sure the remoter ones will be considerable."

MAHATMA AT DIAMOND HARBOUR

DIAMOND HARBOUR, Dec 25 (A. P. I.): Mahatma Gandhi arrived here from Calcutta by launch and addressed a mammoth meeting in which a large number of women were present. A purse of Rs. 25,250 raised for constructive work in the sub-division was presented to Mahatma Gandhi.

After the meeting Mahatma Gandhi addressed constructive workers of the sub-division on the launch and then left for Mahishadal in the Midnapore district.

Mahatma May Visit Assam

GAUHATI, Dec. 25 (A. P. I.): Mahatma Gandhi is likely to make a week's tour in Assam according to the provisional programme that has been sent up to Sodepore for final discussion with him.

RAN'S MINISTER OF INTERIOR RESIGNS

TEHERAN, Dec. 25. (Reuter): The Minister of the Interior M. Khalo Fahimi has resigned. His refusal to resign last week, when M. Alayes Sal was nominated as new Minister of the Interior nearly precipitated a Cabinet crisis, and to-day M Fahimi announcing his resignation stated: "I resign only because I was asked to do so by the Shah".

TETE-A-TETE

Without Comment

The pace of the Moscow conference has been speeded up so much that even at noon today the programme was still uncertain. It was expected, however, that the Foreign Ministers would hold a further meeting this afternoon.

It is still being emphasised in Moscow that a sense of perspective must be maintained and that the Ministers never expected to find a panacea for the world's post-war troubles Reuter.

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President Truman observed in his Christmas address to the people of America: "I do not believe that there is one problem in this country—in the world—today which could not be settled if approached through the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount.

What about the atom bomb?

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His Holiness the Pope in his Christmas Eve broadcast from the Vatican denounced totalitarianism as incompatible with true and healthy democracy.

It most certainly is. But who precisely had His Holiness in mind when delivering the broadcast? Not General Franco, who is a trusted servant of the Church. Then who? —Tune in to Moscow radio tonight for the answer.

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The treaty between Britain and Siam to be signed in a day or two will be something between a peace treaty and armistice, according to Reuter.

In other words a sort of armed truce in which Britain will carry the arms and Siam hold the truce!

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Pictures of Emperor Hirohito in military uniform, when are displayed in Japanese schools, Government offices and other places will give way in the next year to others of the Mikado in civilian clothes.

General MacArthur is said to prefer a picture of Hirotuto in knickloth and ashes sitting on Mount Fujiyama doing penance for—Pearl Harbour.

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A Bali woman is said to be behind the Java secret radio.

They always are behind something or other. Cherchez la femme!

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Referring to the forthcoming visit of the British Parliamentary Delegation, Mr. N. M. Joshi says that he had made the suggestion to the labour Ministers while in London and proceeds: "The British Government appears to have accepted my suggestion, but taken a decision to suit their own convenience".

Those who saw the wind must be prepared to reap the whirlwind!

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Tale Of The Day

"I wish I knew where George was," remarked the young wife.

"I presume, my dear," said her mother-in-law. "that you mean you wish you knew where he is?"

"Oh, no, I don't," was the firm retort. "I know where he is. He's in bed with a black eye and a headache. I want to know where he was!"

INDONESIANS CLASH WITH INDIAN TROOPS

BATAVIA, Dec. 25 (Reuter): Roads leading to the suburb of Kramat in Batavia, the scene of recent skirmishes have been placed out of bounds for all ranks except those on urgent military duty, said Allied military authorities here to-day.

Indonesian Extremists clashed with Indian troops evacuating a hospital in the southern suburb of Kramat during the week-end and wounded five men when they sniped at British airborne troops conducting a search.

Christmas Eve was quiet except for three isolated skirmishes in East Java, said to-day's official Communique, which made no mention of any other activity.

Indonesians guarding two road blocks at Gedangan were dispersed by 1/2 Punjabis, while at Pevelegi two Indonesians carrying Japanese uniforms were arrested.

At Bandoeng, 100 miles south-east of Batavia, only isolated groups of Indonesians now remain. Gurkha troops have been clearing the districts.

Streets in Batavia were full of lorry loads of Dutch women and children celebrating the first Christmas after internment.

According to a Netherlands news agency report, Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, Lieut.-Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies who is expected in London this week for consultations with the British Government, said enough Dutch ships would probably be available to carry rice to relieve the famine which was especially serious in Central Java. Allied shipping would not be involved, but co-operation of Indonesians would be necessary to distribute rice, he added.

Dr. Van Mook said there had never been any question of withdrawal of Dutch Armament troops from Java. To avoid conflicts there had been a request that these troops should not carry out armed patrols in the centre of Batavia and they were doing sentry duties in the town.

Congress Can't Barter Away Its Interests

Diwan Chaman Lal Blames Baldev Singh For Congress-Akali Differences

LAHORE, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): Diwan Chaman Lal, M.L.A., Central, in a rejoinder to Sardar Baldev Singh, Development Minister, Punjab, explains the position of the Congress in its dealings with the Akali Party and holds Sardar Baldev Singh responsible for the differences between the Congress and the Akali Party in the Punjab.

Dictating To Congress

After reviewing the activities of the Akalis in the Punjab and N.W.F.P. Diwan Chaman Lal says, these are the people whose hearts bleed for nationalism, who are wanting to dictate to the Congress so that every Sikh candidate must be of their choice.

"I ignore the scandalous and libellous gibes at certain Sikh candidates nominated by the Congress. They are quite capable of taking care of themselves. But let me since it has been mentioned, refer to the so-called settlement suggested by Sardar Baldev Singh.

SO-CALLED SETTLEMENT

It was this: The Congress will not be opposed by Sardar Baldev Singh's group in ten constituences. In five it will be. The Congress must not oppose the Akalis in all the others.

Even this was opposed by the so-called staunch Akalis and obviously the Congress could not be a party to abartering away of its interests.

The Congress naturally refused to walk into the trap even though it makes Sardar Baldev Singh's heart bleed.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLICE EXCESSES

And as for nationalism, let me say a word about the nationolism of these opponents of the Congress. where were Sardar Baldev Singh and the members of his group when gross indignities and concentration camp conditions were being imposed in the Punjab jails upon us? Where were they when heads of innocent unarmed political prisoners and detenus were being broken or when protesting citizens were ducked in deep ponds and young boys drowned as in Multan or, as reported today three I.N.A. men killed in one of the jails, or little girls knocked unconscious by some valliant members of the Lahore police. Sardar Baldev Singh, as an unprotesting members of the cabinet, must shoulder responsibility for all this.

"The Congress in the Punjab is not willing to shake hands with murder nor is it willing to provide a convenient legislative group for men who swear allegiance to any party to keep them in power.

STRANGE NATIONALISM

The Congress has experience of what happened after the Akali Congress Pact in 1937. In spite of this, Sardar Baldev Singh betrayed us and joined the Unionists. It is betrayal.

"It is about time that Sardar Baldev Singh and his group dropped their sanctimonious masks of posing as nationalists. They are the enemies of freedom and unity Who seek to divide allegiance from the Congress. It is strange nationalism which seeks to utilise the police, the magistrate, the revenue personnel to help it ti win seats against the Congress. But the Congress is undeterred and the brave Sikh Congressmen will give a fine account of themselves."

WAVELL-GANDHI MEETING ON JAN. 4?

CALCUTTA, Dec. 25 (A.P.I.)—"H.E. the Viceroy is expected to meet Mahatma Gandhi in Calcutta on January 4, according to reports current in political circles in Calcutta," says "Hindusthan Standard" this morning.

It adds: "Reports also suggest that the Parliamentary Delegation is expected to meet Gandhiji in Calcutta in the latter part of the first week of January."

MAHATMA LEAVES FOR MIDNAPORE

CALCUTTA, Dec. 25 (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi, who spent the night at Prinsep Ghat, left early this morning by launch for Diamond Harbour and Midnapore.

Mahishadal Prepares To Receive Mahatma

MAHISHADAL (Bengal), Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): Elaborate arrangements have been made for Mahatma Gandhi's visit to this place. He is expected to arrive tomorrow evening and stay here till December 30.

A mud hut has been built for Gandhiji's residence near the Hijli Canal. A furlong away an area of about 4,000 square yards has been prepared for holding meetings A temporary jeti has been constructed for Gandhiji to land, near his hut. Two new roads have also been laid, one connecting Gandhiji's hut with the prayer ground and the other, with the District Board road.

Mr. Pyarelal and some other members of Gandhiji's party will stay in a hut built adjacent to Gandhiji's cottage.

A volunteer force of 450 persons, including 50 women, has been raised and a first aid centre and a hospital for the treating emergent cases have been opened.

Thatte Leaves Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.): Volunteers of the All-India Anti-Pakistan front who started fasting before Sodepore Ashram yesterday afternoon, left the place at about 11 at night yesterday after they had been informed that Gandhiji had left the Ashram.

The volunteers, who were headed by Mr. L. G. Thatte, General Secretary of the Front, were shouting slogans and singing songs against the Communal Award and Pakistan.

Mr. Thatte left today for Bombay.

Narhari Parikh On Gandhiji's Ideal

WARDHA, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.)—"Gandhiji's ideal is not only political Swaraj, but the creation or establishment of a non-violent society, wherein everyone should have sufficient to east and clothe and a house to live in," observed Mr. Narnari Parikh, Principal of the Gramsewa Vidyalaya at Sewagram, addressing the Provincial Rashtra Sewa Dal volunteers camp this afternoon. "Gandhiji wants everyone to be self-reliant, self-sufficient, self-respecting and fearless, and ready, to resist all exploitation—social, political and economic—as well as repression or suppression.

Presently violence is impossible and impracticable as has been proved by instance of Japan and Germany who had to submit before greater violence. It is by non-violence that you can make the world peaceful and prosperous and Gandhiji wants to bring about such a revolutionary change," concluded Mr. Parikh.

Kerala Congress Nominees For Madras Assembly

CALICUT, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.): The Kerala P. C. C. at its meeting yesterday unanimously recommended to the Congress Central Parliamentary Board the following names as Congress candidates for the Madras Legislative Assembly: Messrs. R. Raghava Menon (Palghat), M. P. Govinda Menon (Ernad-Walluvanad), Dr. A. Chandu (Calicut), C. K. Govindan Nair (Kurumbranad), M. P. Damodaran (Kottayam), Manikoth Kumaran (Chirakal) and Srimati A. V. Kuttiammalu Amma (Calicut-Tellicherry women's seat). Of these Mr. Raghava Menon, Dr. Chandu, Mr. C. K. Govindan Nair and Mrs. Kuttiammalu Amma are the sitting Members.

The K. P. C. C. has recommended the names of Mr. C. K. Raghavan Nambiar and Mr. P. Balaramakurup, the one for the South Puthur and the other for the Commerce seat. It has further authorised the Working Committee to recommend names for Jenmi and Harijan seats.

Students On Election Campaign

LAHORE, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): The Punjab Students' Congress, have decided to draft over 250 student workers representing all communities to the rural areas to canvas support for the Congress candidates for Provincial elections. The number will be split up into groups and parties, each party or group will be provided with a lorry equipped with loud speakers.

About fifteen student workers both Hindu and Muslim, have arrived from Kashmir to propagate on behalf of the Congress.

Dr. Mookerjee To Join Congress?

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee, Hindu Mahasabha leader, is keen to join the Congress Party, I learn from a reliable Hindu Mahasabha member who told me: "Although Dr Shyama Prasad is a Hindu Mahasabha leader, he finds himself more at home with the Congress policy, Congress programmes and in general the Congress ways of doing things" Dr. Shyama Prasad is an old colleague of Shree Kiran Shanker Roy, leader of the Congress Party in the Bengal Assembly. I understand that Dr. Shyama Prasad will be willing to co-operate with Shree Kiran Shanker Roy in the Assembly during the period of initiation in the Congress Party.

An Outstanding Juggler

Igor Rudenko, 23 years old member of a Russian family at present in India under an E.N.S.A. Contract.

One of the most outstanding jugglers and equilibrists of this age, he is an entertainer with a brilliant future career, performing as he does, feats of amazing dexterity of which he holds the world rights. He has received offers from many countries and hopes eventually to go to America.

Before undertaking his present tour, Igor performed in Europe and appeared before a number of notable personages. During his extensive travels he has become a clever linguist and can speak many languages.

In some of his tricks Igor has the assistance of his 21 years old brother George; on other occasions there are a trio of Rudenkos, the third member of the family being Klaudia.

The family comes from Tula, near Moscow, and is well-known in the entertainment world.

RUSSIA IN WINNING POSITION

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called "fractions" which are personal followings of more prominent deputies, who constantly change sides. There are at present about six of these fractions, whose chief occupation is intrigue, getting relatives into good jobs and obtaining business and favours for those who show themselves appropriate consideration.

Persia has not had a stable Government since Riza Shah was deposed when the Allies occupied Persia in 1941. Personal interests represented in the Majlis have frustrated even the slightest tendency towards reform.

More than 100 bills, covering urgent social and financial measures have been before the Majlis for more than a year.

But the Majlis requires a quorum of 65 per cent of its 127 members, and the rich have only to stay away to prevent even a discussion of reform measures; and they do.

VIOLENT PRESS

The Teheran Press, with a few exceptions, is violent. Of the 87 papers licensed in Teheran, 52 licenses are in the hands of Right-wing owners and 35 in Left hands. Only one paper has a circulation of over 5,000 and the tone can be judged by the fact that the anti-Tudeh Press regularly describes Stalin as a bank-robber while Tudeh papers have equally expressive terms for the British and their friends.

Like most economically backward countries, Persia spends the greatest single item of her revenue on her army which together with her Gendarmerie and police eat up 50 per cent of the entire national revenue; the army is, nevertheless, one of the chief centres of Tudeh 'propaganda. The soldier's pay is 10 shillings (about Rs. 7/8) per month (in one of the most expensive countries in the world).

MARRIAGE WEDGE

Two thousand families had naturally turned away from revolutionary Russia after the last war. They found their social and political contact with the British and later—after the rise of Hitler—also with the Germans. They married Western European women so that gradually without any definite policy on Britain's part, British influence again became paramount—particularly after the elimination of pro-Germans.

It was not that the British tried to form a front against the Russians; it was simply that propertied families turned naturally to what was then a Conservative Britain for solace. The Russians saw they had no change to gatecrash the Persian ruling families.

RUSSIANS START BALL ROLLING

So when sometime in 1943 the Soviet Government decided that British influence in Persia had to be reduced if not altogether eliminated they tackled the Chilles Heel of the Persian rich. The Tudeh Party was formed. It had a simple programme which appealed to the mass of the Persian poor. They formed Trade Unions in Isfahan and Tabriz as well as in Teheran. They forced employers almost to double the wages and to make allowances of cloth, coal and shoes in kind. They also talked of Agrarian reforms but here the Tudeh and the Russians were more circumspect; the reforms remained mainly a talk.

TUDEH'S MISTAKES

But the Tudeh made mistakes and it had two fatal weaknesses as a genuine reform party. In Isfahan it attacked religion and lost much of its following. But its greatest weakness was that it became a "Russian" party. The people looked upon the Tudeh as sponsored from abroad for purposes alien to Persia and the Tudeh Press and Tudeh spokesmen tended to confirm the suspicion; on the subject of Russia they talked and wrote and acted like the most loyal of Communist parties; Moscow directives were followed implicitly—almost naively.

The other weakness of the Tudeh was that its leadership was drawn from rich landowners and did not inspire quite that feeling of solidarity with the masses that one expects from a reform party. Tudeh, as an instrument to eliminate British influence, was therefore a failure; it could not do the job alone; but it was the beginning.

SLAP FOR RUSSIANS

By the end of 1944, the Russians estimated that the time was ripe for a test of relative strength of British and Russia in Persia. They secretly negotiated an oil concession in Northern Persia extending over 150,000 square miles. The negotiations had reached their final stage when suddenly the Majlis passed a bill prohibiting the sinking of new wells or granting of any concessions so long as foreign armies remained on Persian soil. It was a slap in the face for the Russians. They recalled their Ambassador.

BRITISH BRING IN ZIA

Meanwhile, the Tudeh situation was getting more difficult. Sayyed Zia had returned to Persia from his exile in Palestine—the Tudeh charged the British with deliberately bringing him back—and began organising an opposition movement to the Tudeh.

Sayyed Zia is undoubtedly one of the few Persians in politics with drive, courage and imagination. He started a National Will movement but to get money for it and easy support he turned to the Mullahs and started with them a religious campaign against the Tudeh and also against many of the reforms carried through against the Mullahs by Riza Shah before his deposition.

He also countered the Tudeh Trade Unions by forming Shopkeepers' Guilds with the aid of employers, split Tudeh Unions by forming "independent" unions which were in fact company unions.

MOSCOW'S NEXT MOVE

So by the time the war ended it was clear to the Russians that the Tudeh had to be reinforced by other means to bring about changes apparently desired in Moscow and remove British influence from Persia as completely as Russian policy had sought to remove it from the Balkans.

They did this by encouraging an autonomous movement in Azerbaijan. This hit simultaneously at a number of weak spots of the Central Government. It is the richest Persian province; some of the most influential politicians have their estates there; it contains the second largest town in Persia, Tabriz, and provides a link with Turkey and Iraq.

As the first step a considerable number of Russian Azerbaijans were apparently infiltrated into Persian Azerbaijan.

'DEMOCRATS' ARE BORN

They look similar, they speak the same language and are trained Communists. At first they went slow but by the beginning of October everything was set. A new party—the Democrats—was formed and all Tudeh members joined in. Apparently it was intended so as not to embarrass Tudeh people in other parts of Persia with what was to come.

The Tuden continue to say that they believe in constitutional action only. The Democrats proceeded to an armed revolt—if one can use such a term for the peculiar manner of rising that followed.

"MODUS-OPERANDI"

There was no mass uprising and no mass march on Teheran but what happened was something like this: a few Russians in a town or a village would let it be known that the Democrats were taking over the administration and that they would not tolerate intervention from the Gendarmes or anyone else. Then at night armed Democrats would enter a few key buildings and take over. Sometimes there was a little shooting and a few gendarmes or other opponents of the Democrats were killed.

In the morning a mass of Democrats would arrive singing and with banners to take over. Throughout the proceedings the Russians remained discreetly in the background but everyone knew they were there and what for.

The movement at first seemed to succeed. It moved south, occupied towns on the road to Teheran and in the last week of November seemed within striking distance of Teheran. But by that time world attention was focussed on Azerbaijan and it was difficult under these conditions to allow the autonomy movement to come too much into the light. So the rebels turned away from Teheran, the Russians evacuated the city and another phase in the silent war to eliminate the British ended without a decision.

Outwardly, the Russians had again failed, in fact, they had scored considerable success.

The Azerbaijan movement scared the northern landlords and tended to undermine the will to resist in the Persian Government—and this gave the Russians their clue. Throughout the latter phase of the Azerbaijan affairs the Tudeh sat tight and said nothing. The Tudeh Press ignored the events in the north. The Russians were now getting more substantial support. They were now aiming directly at the heart. They would get a "friendly" Government in Teheran, they would get rid of the key people whom they suspected of being too friendly with the British and they would get their oil-concession.

BIG RUSSIAN GAIN

They won over Ghavam Sultaneh, one of the richest and most powerful men in Persia, an ex-Premier and the owner of great estates in the north.

Ghavam had been canvassing deputies in the Majlis for a policy of neutrality for treating all foreign powers alike, without discrimination against Russia.

He is gaining increasing support and it looks now that some weeks before the Russians are due to evacuate all Persia on March 2. they will have a friendly Government in office in Teheran, which will play ball rather with Moscow than London or Ankara or Baghdad.

Seen from London there may be nothing tragic in this development and certainly nothing in it to justify further deterioration of Soviet-British relations. But on the spot it seems different. Whatever the motive of the Russian policy (and I think it fear and suspicion of her Allies rather than drive to further aggrandisement.) Its immediate consequences are to intensify instability in the Middle East and exploit the already acute minority and national issues on the spot. Already, before the Azerbaijan question has been settled, the Russians are organising the Armenians in Persia in Iraq and Syria; similarly, a Kurdish autonomous movement is reported to be growing and is being encouraged.

CARDS NOT YET ON TABLE

Such is the situation as I found it. War and prospect of a war is again being discussed in the capitals of the Middle East; fear and suspicion are common on every side. Wars have started before now in even obscurer corners than Azerbaijan. The Cards are not yet face upwards on the Persian table.

Charge Against Turkish Govt.

MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (APA): The Turkish Grand National Assembly heard one of its leaders, Nikment Baiur, charge the Turkish government with being incapable of halting the increase in the cost of living in the country, according to a Tass report from Ankara which has been published here to-day.

The report said Baiur's criticism was made during discussions on the projected new budget.

Deputy Baiur, added the Agency, alleged that prices of the most urgently needed goods in the country had increased far over pre-war level, and warned "a storm is gathering which cannot fail to be noted and felt."

Baiur further stated, according to Tass, that deputies to the Assembly were not elected but appointed by the Central Executive authorities.

CHANDARANA AND K. H. KAPADIA BEATEN

Brodie And Madan Win Women's Doubles In A.-I. Table Tennis

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Two Bombay stalwarts K. H. Kapadia and U. M. Chandarana were out of singles event in the All India Table Tennis Tournament this evening.

K. Stanley of Punjab beat K. H. Kapadia 21—16, 12—21, 21—12; 21—15; while U. M. Chandarana lost to Mysore player M. V. S. Vithal 21—18, 22—20, 16—21, 16—21, 21—16.

Miss M. Brodie and Miss P. F. Madan won the Women's Doubles Final beating Miss E. Bocarro and Mrs. G. Nasikwalla 19—21, 21—13, 15—21, 21—14 21—8.

Following are the Inter-Provincial results:—

Bombay beat Punjab 5—0.
Hyderabad beat Holkar 5—3.
Bengal beat Madras 5—4.
Delhi beat Andhra 5—2.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES.

SEMI-FINALS: Miss E. Bocarro and Mrs. G. Nasikwalla beat Miss M. K. Dadyburjor and Mrs. B. N Cama 21—17, 18—21, 21—15, 21—12; Miss P. F. Madan and Miss M. Brodie beat Miss S Deodhar and Miss P. Jhabwalla 21—13 21—8 21—18.

FINAL: Miss M. Brodie and Miss P. F. Madon (Bombay) beat Miss E. Bocarro and Mrs. G. Nasikwalla (Bombay) 19—21, 21—13, 15—21, 21—14 21—8.

MEN'S SINGLES QUARTER FINALS: V. Sivaraman (Andhra) beat J. Satchidananda (Madras) 24—22, 21—16, 21—18; K Stanley (Punjab) beat K. H. Kapadia (Bombay) 21—16, 12—21, 21—12, 21—15; M. V. S. Vithal (Mysore) beat U. M. Chandarana (Bombay) 21—18, 22—20, 16—21 16—21, 21—16; D. A. Kapadia (Bombay) beat C. Ramaswami (Mysore) 21—18 22—20, 21—15

MEN'S DOUBLES QUARTER FINALS: C. Ramaswamy and M. V. S. Vithal (Mysore) beat K. Stanley (Punjab) and R. Bhandhari (Delhi) 21—17, 15—21 16—21 21—19, 21—17.

MIXED DOUBLES SEMI-FINALS: Mrs A. D'Souza (Bombay) and V. Sivaram (Andhra) beat Miss P. F. Madon and K H. Kapadia (Bombay) 21—11 21—18, 21—16; Miss S. Deodhar and U. M. Chandarana (Bombay) beat Mrs. B N. Cama (Bombay) and C. Ramaswamy (Mysore) 22—20, 21—12, 21—14.

MORNING SESSIONS: 9 a.m. onwards Inter-Provincial Matches:

EVENING SESSION: 4 to 7.30 p.m. Inter-Provincial Matches.

ALL INDIA MATCHES: 7.30 p.m. onwards. Semi-finals of Men's Doubles: (1) D H. Kapadia and K. H. Kapadia vs. M. V. S. Vithal and C. Ramaswamy; (2) U. M. Chandarana and V. Sivaraman vs. C. G. Velkar and R H. Patgaokar.

REVIVAL OF INDIAN ARCHITECTURE

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, when he was Mayor of Calcutta and President of Indian National Congress, wrote as follows:

"Before I had the privilege of meeting Mr. Sris Chandra Chatterjee, the famous Indian architect, I used to wonder when India would be able to evolve a distinctive School of Architecture, just as she had succeeded in developing a new school of painting. Soon after this I came across some articles of Mr. Chatterjee in the papers, and I simply devoured them. Since then I have met Mr. Chatterjee in person and have discussed with him, and the more I have done so, the more has my admiration for him developed.

Mr. Chatterjee appeared before us in time as the pioneer of a new School of Architecture, distinctively Indian character. He is fully responsive of Western and other foreign influences but after assimilating these and after adapting himself to modern conditions, he is able to give something new to India and to the world....I wish him success with all my heart—for I know that his success means the furtherance of the Renaissance of Indian Architecture and a further enrichment of the civilization of the world....

I regard revival of Indian architecture as an important aspect of our national regeneration. Art and architecture represent the finest embodiment of a nation's soul. And as the soul of a people awakens, it naturally finds expression in the distinctive art and architecture of that nation. Having this conviction deep within me, I have followed the activities of Mr. Chatterjee with the greatest interest. I have great admiration for the unbounded zeal and enthusiasm, which he has evinced for the cause he has taken to heart and I earnestly pray however formidable may be the obstacles, which beset his path, he may never have occasion to lose one particle of the innate optimism which has been the secret of his success.

It is quite possible for the Indian Municipality to further the cause of Indian architecture. I do not know if it would be possible to have an avenue exclusively for Indian architecture, owing to legal difficulties, for the Corporation cannot force anybody to go in for a particular type of architecture. Nevertheless, the Corporation can indirectly encourage Indian architecture. It is possible to have a Department of Indian Architecture for giving free advice to the citizens as to the type of architecture they should adopt. This Department may stock designs, hand-books, etc., for the use of citizens and it may also carry on propaganda in various ways to popularise Indian architecture. Advantages may also be taken of exhibitions for popularising Indian architecture among the people. And if one municipality sets an example, other Indian cities are sure to follow.

But the point is who will listen to me? People are far too busy with petty intrigues and insignificant squabbles to think of larger problems. I can only hope that Mr. Chatterjee will never lose his optimism."

A.-I. METAL MERCHANTS' CONFERENCE

NEW DELHI Dec. 25, (A.P.I.): An All-India Metal Merchants' Conference will be held here on January 5 and 6 to consider problems arising out of the issue of the brass control order 1945. Mr. Bhawani Das Binani will preside.

"No Ambition To Become Qaid-e-Azam Through Wrong Policy"

"I Am Wedded To Noble Cause Of Independence", Says Abdul Ghaffar Khan

PESHAWAR, Dec. 21. (U.P.I.): Replying to certain Muslim League leaders appeal to him to join the League and thus serve Islam, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan in the course of an interview to the press said: "Do they want me to play the second fiddle to the British over-lords? Should I divide India to serve the interests of the British and raise the false cry of Islam in danger? It is dignified for me to demand the fulfilment of certain conditions prior to the achievement of country's freedom? Should I also just raise demonstrative slogans and do nothing positive and constructive for the welfare of my Indian brethren? I would rather die than compromise myself to such a position. I am a man of service. Inaction means death to me. I have no ambition to become the Qaid-e-Azam through a wrong policy. I am wedded to the noble cause of India's independence and I shall stick to it till the last breath of my life."

The Frontier Gandhi, continuing, said, "Come what may, even if the entire world turns against me I shall never go against my conscience and honest convictions. If it comes to that I shall not mind ploughing a lonely furrow. Whether one likes it or not it is my well-considered opinion. I feel that the Muslim League is a creation of the British Government. Unless the League changes its anti-national and reactionary role, which it has been constantly playing to the detriment of India's best cherished goal and comes out openly challenging the British Government to quit India, no freedom loving Indian and revolutionary spirit will ever desire to come in its fold."

CITY MUSLIMS CELEBRATE JINNAH'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

Consul-General For Egypt And Consul Of Iraq Call On League Leader

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Mussalmans of Bombay celebrated to-day with great eclat the seventieth birthday of Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League.

His unique services were recalled and extolled at a public meeting tonight at Kaiser Bagh and by the Muslim ladies separately at Begmohammad Bagh in the evening.

Mr. Jinnah had a host of visitors throughout the day and received a number of telegrams and messages from all over the world wishing him a long life.

Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, President of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, presiding over the meeting at Kaiser Bagh, said that there were very few leaders in the history of the world who had raised in the brief space of time their peoples to the heights to which Mr. Jinnah had raised the Muslims of India. Ten years back the Mussalmans in India reflecting on their glorious past were gloomy. To-day they were happy. For that they were solely indebted to Mr. Jinnah, he added.

What stood out most remarkably was the fact that they had gained so much with the least sacrifices on their part.

In the end, the audience joined Mr. Chundrigar in wishing a long life to Mr. Jinnah.

A number of other speakers including Khan Saheb Abdul Kader, Vice-President of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League and Sir Ali Mohd. Dehlavi, member of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League Parliamentary Board, recounted and praised the services of Mr. M. A. Jinnah to the Muslims of India.

AT LADIES' MEETING

Mrs. Shafi Tayyabjee presiding over the ladies' meeting praised the iron will and supreme courage of Mr. Jinnah in having braved so many storms and leading the Muslims successfully.

Among other ladies who spoke was Mrs. Mirza Akhtar.

A sum of Rs. 19,000 raised by the ladies for the Muslim League Election Fund was sent to Mr. Jinnah.

500 GATES ERECTED

Gaiety reigned supreme in the Muslim quarters of Bombay. Nearly 500 gates were erected at entrances of various streets and most of them illuminated with electric lights. Some of them bore 70 bulbs representing the 70th birthday of Mr. Jinnah. League flags and buntings in variegated colours fluttered in every street. Minarets of most of the mosques were outlined in electric lights. Streams of people surged through the streets till late in the night.

CALLERS ON JINNAH

Among those who called on Mr. Jinnah to-day were the Consul-General for Egypt, Consul for Iraq, Begum Mohd. Ali, Mr. Shuyeb Qureshi, Minister of Bhopal and office-bearers of the Provincial Muslim League and Ward Leagues.

Mr. Hasan A. Sheikh, Hon. Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League and President of the E Ward District Muslim League with other office-bearers presented Mr. Jinnah at his residence a copy of "The Souvenir to Mahomed Ali Jinnah", compiled by Mrs. Razia Sharif and published by the 'E' Ward District Muslim League. The volume contains tributes paid to Mr. Jinnah by men of national and international fame.

Mr. Jinnah had a group photograph with the members of the 'E' Ward District Muslim League Working Committee and in a brief address said: "We must work, work and work. No effort must be spared to see that we repeat the same cent per cent success in the Provincial elections which we have deservedly secured in the Central elections."

In the evening the Muslim National Guards of Bombay marched to his bungalow with a band and presented him with a salute on the lawns there.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Hasan A. Sheikh unfuried the Muslim League flag at Mastan Talao.

Civic Reception To Jinnah At Bhiwandi

(From Our Correspondent)

BHIWANDI, (By Mail): Preparations are in full swing to present an address to Mr. Jinnah by the Bhiwandi Municipality.

Under the auspices of the Women's Association, Mr. Trimbakrao Pradhan delivered a lecture on Hindu Law and Marriage.

Mrs. Indira Bhide has started national classes under the auspices of the same Association.

Unconditional Armistice

Chinese Communists To Submit Proposals "Officially & In Writing" Today

CHUNGKING, Dec. 25 (Reuter). General Chou En Lai, Communist representative in Chungking, said to-day that the Communist Party would submit to-morrow "officially and in writing" a proposal for unconditional armistice when the Kuomintang (Government Party) and Communists formally resume negotiations after a five week lapse.

"We want to stop fighting immediately; that is more important than anything else" General Chou said.

General Chou added that he had obtained sanction of General Mao Tze Tung (Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party) to make the proposal.

Communists Attack Kaoyu On Grand Canal

CHUNGKING, Dec. 25. (A.P.A.): A Chinese press dispatch today said 50,000 Communists were attacking Kaoyu on Grand Canal, 60 miles north-east of Nanking.

It was said big fires were started in the town.

The dispatch also reported Communist attacks on Shaopo, south of Kaoyu and Taihsien.

It was believed the Communists intend to seize the three towns in a preparatory operation to cut the Yangtze between Nanking and Shanghai.

Ordinance To Amend Indian Army Act

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day a meeting at the Grand Theatre when the I.N.A. was formed.

Almost all Indian residents of Shanghai gave away all their property including jewels to Netaji for the Independence League Fund. One Nand Singh of Padia, Lahore, showed to the representative of the United Press receipts for having contributed 30,000 dollars and another Munshi Ram, an ex-employee of a Chinese firm, Shanghai, and Sher Singh, a bus inspector of Shanghai, contributed 8,000 and 9,000 respectively.

Among them was a lady of 25 years old named Lauf Kaur who joined the Rani of Jhansi Regiment. She said that she along with five others was selected to undergo training in actual warfare in Singapore whereto she could not go on account of transport difficulties.

These people are being sent to their respective places in the Punjab.

Punjab Congress Report On I. N. A. Hardships

LAHORE, Dec. 25 (API): The Punjab Provincial Congress Committee has compiled a report for submission to the office of the All-India Congress Committee, Allahabad, regarding the hardships which I.N.A. men are reported to be undergoing in various detention camps in the Punjab.

Narindranath's Ashes Delivered To Parents

LAHORE, Dec. 25 (API): The asnes of Lieut.-Col. Narindranath of the Azad Hind Fouj, who died in Mandalay in November 1944, were brought to Lahore and delivered to his parents by sepoy Prem Singh, who arrived here after his release from detention.

Col. Narindranath was attached to Number One divisional headquarters of the I.N.A. under General M. G. Kiani.

Of the released I.N.A. men belonging to the Punjab and North-West Frontier Province about 175 have visited Bradlaugh Hall, headquarters of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee. The P.P.C.C. has spent about Rs. 1,000 so far to provide relief to the released I.N.A. personnel.

Capt. Dharam Singh Succumbs

JESSORE, Dec. 24 (API): Captain Dharam Singh of the I.N.A. who was reported to have been hit by a bullet, while passing from one cage to another in the Jhikargacha camp and in the hospital.

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Dizziness And Indigestion Made Life A Misery
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MAHATMA REFUTES CHARGE OF VIOLENCE BY PEOPLE IN '42

'Government Senselessly Jailed Congressmen', He Says

CALCUTTA, Dec. 25 (A.P.I.)—A reference to his talks with the Governor of Bengal was made by Mahatma Gandhi replying to a question at a meeting of Congress workers on Sunday last in Sodepore Ashram, according to the weekly letter of Mr. Pyarelal, Mahatma Gandhi's Secretary.

The questioner wanted to know when the remaining prisoners would be released. Mahatma Gandhi was reported to have talked with H.E. the Governor about them.

Mahatma Gandhi said that he had naturally discussed many questions with His Excellency, but he could not allow himself to be cross-examined. He could only hope with those present that if they were on the eve of liberty these prisoners must be set free sooner rather than later. But he warned the questioner not to worry about them if she believed with him that prisons for patriots were gateways to liberty. Was not India in bondage one vast prison?

1942 INCIDENTS

Another questioner asked whether there was violence by the people in 1942?

Mahatma Gandhi referred the questioner to his reply to the Tottenham pamphlet, and added that had the people, as a whole, not remained non-violent, India would have gone back. He also thought the Government had senselessly put the principal Congressmen in prison and thus provoked the people who were not yet restrained enough for complete non-violence. He had seen nothing to alter his conviction that the Government excesses far outweighed what the people had done in the way of violence.

COMMUNAL PROBLEM

"What could Congressmen do to draw Muslims to the Congress", was one of the many questions. Mahatma Gandhi said that in the presence of the prevailing distrust there should be no attempt to enlist Muslims or any other group of individuals. What, however, every Hindu could do was mutely to serve his Muslim and other non-Hindu neighbour as his blood brother. Such selfless service was bound to tell in the end. That was the way of non-violence, otherwise called love.

CLASS STRUGGLE & CONGRESS

Asked as to what the position of the Congress in relation to class struggle between the capitalists and the labouring class was, Mahatma Gandhi replied that he could speak only in his individual capacity as he was not even a four-anna member of the Congress.

His own relations with the capitalist friends, he remarked, typified the attitude of the Congress towards the capitalist class. He freely accepted the hospitality of capitalists like the Birlas and made use of their money to serve the cause of the poor, but the latter did not expect anything in return from him.

On the contrary, they were glad to be exploited by him in the interest of the poor. His relationship with them was ethical. He could never give up his associations with the capitalists because of fear of anybody. To do so would, in his opinion amount to a betrayal of the cause of the poor.

Similarly, whilst the Congress accepted the financial help and co-operation of the capitalists in its fight for independence, it never was, and never could be, a capitalist organization.

The Congress was pledged to defend the right of labour against any one who might attempt to encroach upon them. From its very inception it had stood for the poor, and consciously or unconsciously striven to become an organization of the masses In this connection he referred to Dadabhai Naoroji's monumental work "Uoverty and un-British rule in India which showed the deep concern of the Congress for Indian masses.

FORCE OF TRUTH & AHIMSA

They would now understand why he asked them to rally round the Congress. They should all identify themselves and serve the Congress, irrespective of whether they were on its membership register or not. The Congress tricolour symbolised truth and non-violence, it was the only flag worthy of being adopted by them.

There was no power in the universe greater than truth. Bereft of truth man was no better than the four-footed beast. If they made truth their staff and 'ahimsa' their shield they would be irresistible.

Continuing, he told them that he considered himself to be a labourer just like themselves. He did not think that there was any essential antagonism between capital and labour. In fact, he held that labour alone was true capital. All the gold of the capitalists could not provide them with one morsel of bread.

Collaboration of labour was necessary before capital could bear fruit. Again, the gold and silver of the capitalists had only a limited currency, but labour was universal currency. The capitalists could be robbed of their wealth, but no one could rob the labour of his wealth, namely, industry. Moreover, capitalists were after all few in number. The workers were many. But capital was well organised and had learnt to combine, if labour realised its inherent strength and the secret of combination, it would rule capital instead of being ruled by it.

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He commended to them the Ahmedabad Labour Union as a model organization to copy. It was perhaps the best organised labour Union in the world. It ran its own free hospital, schools for children and cheap grain-shops out of the Union funds. It had conducted several successful strikes.

The essential condition for a successful strike was that the strikers should not be dependent on public charity for their sustenance during the strike. They must have an alternative occupation to fall back upon a crisis.

He recalled how during the 23 days strike of Ahmedabad labour workers he had offered them work, but had refused to give them doles. The latter would have demoralised them.

Spinning was an occupation 'par excellence' for the purpose. He, therefore, asked them to learn and practise it in their homes.

He said a strike should be organised, not out of hostility towards the employers, but for the restitution of the just rights of labour. Rights and duties were reciprocal in their nature, the former accrued only from a due performance of the latter.

STUDENTS' DUTY

To a student who wanted to know what part students were to play, Mahatma Gandhi said he could not understand student organisations antagonistic to one another. Students should all be lovers of freedom and therefore, all Congressmen in thought.

But their first work was study. They were all servants of the nation. They should have no communal taint, nor could they harbour untouchability. They were bound to follow the constructive programme, and, through the Charkha and all it meant, ally themselves with the millions of poor villagers of India.

For the rest they should hear everything and everyone respectfully, weigh everything, and follow what they thought was right, but they must keep out of party politics.

'BANDE MATARAM' MUST STAND

To the question whether "Bande Matram" should be displaced by the new song "Qadam, Qadam," Mahatma Gandhi said that a song that carried such glorious associations of sacrifice as "Bande Matram" could never be given up. It would be like discarding one's mother. But they could certainly add a new song or songs like the one mentioned to their repertoire of national song after due thought and discrimination.

Dr Rochiram Amaseur who presided over the 22nd session of the All-India Medical Conference held at Amritsar on Monday.

4 Killed In Goods Train Accident

BOMBAY, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): Four persons including the Guard were killed in an accident to a goods train which occurred today near a railway bridge between Shambhupura and Nimbahera on Neemuch-Ajmer section of the B. B. & C. I. Railway. Several wagons capsized and some fell off the bridge down into the river.

The names of the four persons who died in the accident today are Laxminarain (guard), Siddiq (Loader), Ali Mohamed (Loader) and one bridge mistri Ramji.

The District Traffic Superintendent, Mhow in a telegram from Neemuch says: "The down goods train from Neemuch to Ajmer of date met with a serious accident at about 9/0 hours between Shambhupura and Nimabahera resulting in wagons capsizing and some falling off the bridge down into the river.

Through communication interrupted and transhipment is being arranged during day-light only. Expect to restore through communication within 48 hours.

LEAGUE REPRESENTS MASTERS OF MASSES

Prof. Abdul Majid Invites Jinnah To Join Congress And Convert Nationalists From Within

LAHORE, Dec. 24 (A.P.I.): Prof. Abdul Majid Khan, in a rejoinder to Mr. Jinnah's latest statement has invited him to join the Congress with his followers.

He says: "If Mr. Jinnah loves freedom, let him come under the Congress flag. If Mr. Jinnah has any solicitude for the economically disinherited Muslims, he with his lieutenants should forthwith join the Congress and should try to "convert us from within, if he can."

The Congress is essentially a democratic organisation which increasingly reflects the upward urge for the Kisan-Mazdoor Praja Raj; while the League is fundamentally a Fascist body which represents the aggressive mentality of some misguided fanatics, the bubble of whose popularity will burst ere long.

It has also been an article of faith with the Nationalist Muslims, that the Indian National Congress is the only political organisation that has been fighting for the freedom of the country and as such has been the representative and custodian of the national interests.

In our considered opinion the Congress has from its birth gone out of its way to solicit Muslim co-operation, even patronage. So the existence of the Muslim League should be justified on other grounds, if any.

In reality the Muslim Leaguers represent the masters of the masses and have been making frantic efforts during the last six years to bargain with the British Government at the expense of the freedom of India.

Referring to Pakistan Prof. Abdul Majid Khan says: Pakistan, if established, will not only lead to the progressive pauperization of the Muslims but will turn India into a cockpit of hostile and warring States. Therefore, no genuine Nationalist Muslim will ever have any truck with the vivisectionists."

Peter Fraser Supports Suppression Of Indonesians

Unfair To Criticise British Action, He Says And Predicts New Controversy Over Veto Issue

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—The veto power of the "Big Five" in UNO decisions—the subject of a heated debate at the San Francisco Conference—will be thrust again into open discussion at the UNO Assembly meeting in London next month, the New Zealand Premier, Mr. Peter Fraser, predicted today.

"The veto power cannot endure. Even those democratic countries who accepted and swallowed it in the San Francisco Conference have a strong feeling against it. I am hoping that an opportunity will soon arise for repealing the veto power," Mr. Fraser told newspapermen on leaving White House after a call on President Truman.

Mr. Fraser expressed strong views on trusteeship and the Indonesian revolt. "All mandates under the League of Nations and any enemy territory taken over as a result of this war should be put under the trusteeship of the UNO. I cannot conceive of any hesitation on the part of mandate powers. As participants in the San Francisco Conference they are honour bound in this respect."

Mr. Fraser was resentful of United States comment on British action in Indonesia. "I think the comment is most unfair to the United Kingdom", he said. "I am sure Britain has no aggrandisement or Imperialism in mind. They were given a job to do by the Supreme Allied Command and are fulfilling the task.

In my opinion the United Kingdom has no intention to participate in the final solution of the Indonesian problem except through the UNO. My personal opinion is that this is entirely a matter for the U.N.O. to solve", he added.

QUIET CHRISTMAS EVE IN JAVA

No Major Incidents Reported

BATAVIA, Dec. 25 (Reuter): Christmas Eve seems to have been quiet in Java.

The only incidents to-day's official statement from A.F.N.E.I. (Allied Forces Netherlands East Indies) Headquarters reported were the dispersal by Punjabi troops of Indonesian groups guarding two road blocks at Gedengan and the arrest of two Indonesians carrying quantities of Japanese uniforms at Pevelegi.

Isolated groups of extremists now remain in Bandoeng.

Certain roads leading to Kramat, suburb of Batavia, were declared today out of bounds for all ranks except those on urgent military duty. Kramat area has been the scene of frequent skirmishes recently.

The streets of Batavia are crowded with Dutch women and children, celebrating their first Christmas since internment by the Japanese.

Mme. Soekarno Invites Dutch Women's Cooperation

BATAVIA (Java), Dec. 25 (APA):—Madame Soekarno, wife of the Indonesian Republican President, during a visit to a Dutch women's internment camp invited the occupants to cooperate with the freedom movement.

"If you women help our cause, we in turn shall beable to help you and your husbands," she said. "We hope many of you decide to stay in Indonesia under the Republic because we need you," she added.

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False Propaganda Against Madras Working Class

Dange Warns T. U. C. To Be On Guard

MADURA, December 24, (API): A labour demonstration in which thousands of workers participated marked the conclusion of the two-day session of the Madras Provincial Trade Union Congress today. A mass rally was held at the big maidan where Mr S.A. Dange, speaking in Hindustani said that the end of the war had witnessed the triumph of the working class all over Europe and nothing could crush them. With unity and solidarity, workers in their country could surely march forward. He said that in the election fever that was now on in the Province false propaganda against them was being spread by interested persons who had become Nationalist Leaders overnight in order to disrupt the unity of the working class. They must guard themselves against such attempts.

Mr. Chakkarai Chettiar, who as re-elected President of the Provincial Trade Union Congress said that the workers of the country were becoming increasingly self-conscious and were today fully alive to the vital role they played in the country's economy.

Mr. P. R. K. Sharma, Congress Labour Leader from Madras said that only the working class could make Imperialism share the fate of Fascism and Hitlerism.

17 Prisoners Transferred Due To Hungerstrike

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 25 (OPI): The "Orient Press" learns from a reliable source that 17 prisoners have been transferred from the Benares Jail to Naini on disciplinary grounds in connection with the recent hunger-strike there. The source further reveals that these prisoners still persist in their demand for better treatment and are in lock-ups. Their demands, according to the some source include better food, newspapers and writing material.

It is reported that these prisoners emphatically demand that books and othe rtoilet materials sent by their friends and relatives should be supplied to them and by no means withheld by the jail authorities.

KHER ON IMPORTANCE OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

(From Our Correspondent)

BORDI, Dec. 24.

Need of imparting education through cultural activities, was stressed by Mr. B. G. Kher while declaring a Rural Child Education Centre open at Bordi. The Centre is organised under the auspices of Nutan Shikshan Sangh by Smt. Tarabai Modak and Smt. Saralaben Sarabhai. Mr. Kher in the course of his address emphasised the importance of preparatory education. According to him Mahatmaji's scheme of Wardha Education was the only scheme to solve educational problems of this country. He expressed full faith in it and pointed out that education could be made self-sufficient and said that present centre would cater to the needs of the children of preparatory age of all castes and creeds.

Foreign Journalists To Attend A. I. S. P. Conference

(From Our Correspondent)

UDAIPUR, Dec. 21: Mr. Preston Grover, Chief Editor of the 'Associated Press of America', Mr. Rostoven, representative of the Tas News Agency of Moscow and representatives of some other foreign Press have consented to attend the forthcoming All-India States People's Conference to be held at Udaipur on 31st December, 1945 and 1st and 2nd January, 1946, under the presidentship of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.

GIRL STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

Demand For Social Programme

Inaugurating the first Convention of the Bombay City Girl Students' Conference on Monday, Mr. Purshottamdas Tricumdas said that though they were students to-day, they would have to be responsible citizens in a few years. "Meetings and processions have their place in public life but they alone will not carry us far on the road to progress and national independence". He exhorted them to play their effective role in the national life.

Miss Kantawala, Chairman of the Reception Committee, requested Sjt. Prabhakar Kunte to take the chair in the absence of Smt. Kripalani who was to preside over the Conference. The President paid glowing tribute to women who were taking their due share in the nation's freedom struggle and expressed the hope to see more and still more women students take enthusiastic part in students' activities which were planned and being carried.

Prominent among other speakers were Mr. Sakhrikar, Mr. Adam Adil Secretary of the Muslim Majlis, and Prof. P. A. Wadia, who pleading women's case, said that their movement was not a revolt against the 'home' as such, but against the existing social injustice and stressed the necessity of readjustment of women's role in social, economic and political life.

The condolence resolution on the deaths of Smt. Satyavati Devi and Mrs. Ganguli was passed standing. Resolutions demanding total reorientation of women's education and abolition of social disabilities of women in child-marriage, dowry system, polygamy, etc., were passed unanimously while in one more resolution the girl students called upon the All-India Women's Conference to start a concrete programme of work to train workers in social and kisan work and bring about communal unity. About three hundred delegates and visitors were present at the Conference.

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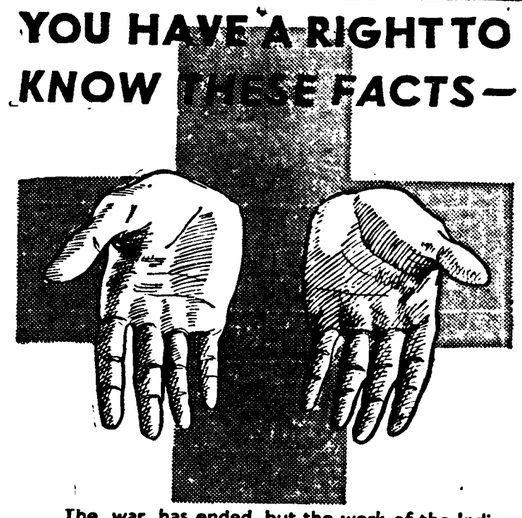

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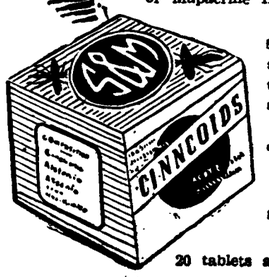

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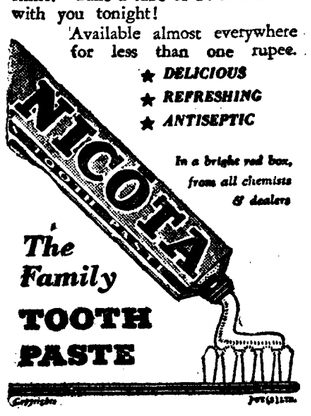

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Foreign Ministers Reach Agreement?

Conditions Of Peace Treaties With Italy To Be Drafted By Ministers Of 4 Powers

MOSCOW, Dec. 25, (A.P.A.)—Moscow radio said last night that the Foreign Ministers had "reached an agreement" including a provision that "conditions of the peace treaties with Italy will be drafted by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and France."

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Agreement reached by the three Foreign Ministers Conference on procedure concerning preparation of peace treaties was broadcast by the Moscow Radio to-night, says Reuter.

The Radio announced: "A report issued by the Conference of the Foreign Ministers today states: Governments of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republic, of Great Britain, and of the United States declare that they have reached agreement, and invite the Governments of France and China to agree with them.

The broadcast heard by the Soviet monitor in London added that the Deputy Foreign Ministers would renew the work in London on the basis of agreements reached at the first session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Britain.

"When preparations of all these drafts are concluded the Council will call a conference for discussion of the peace treaties with Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland," the broadcast said.

The conference will take place not later than May 1, 1946, it added.

"The conference will consist of five members of the Council of Ministers on Foreign Affairs as well as all members of the United Nations who have taken an active part in the war against enemy states in Europe with substantial military contingents," the broadcast said.

The broadcast said that "states which have signed armistice terms of their armies with Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland will compose the respective final text of the peace treaties" adding that "the final treaties will be signed by representatives of the states represented at the conference and who were in a state of war with any given enemy power."

They then will be presented to the other United Nations "who were in a state of war with the enemy."

The broadcast said that the Foreign Ministers had addressed a request to the Governments of France and China "to adhere" to the procedure set out in the agreement.

The broadcast added that the "peace treaties will come into force as soon as they have been ratified by the Allied states who signed the corresponding armistice terms as well as France who is considered on equal terms as far as Italy is concerned.

RATIFICATION

The peace treaties are subject to ratification by the corresponding enemy States as well."

The broadcast said that according to the agreement announced, countries which signed capitulation agreements with Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland would participate in drafting the peace treaties unless other countries are invited to discuss questions which affect them directly."

The broadcast said the Foreign Ministers of the Soviet Union, United States and Britain would draft peace terms for Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary and that the Soviet Union and Britain would draft the terms for Finland.

The broadcast concluded that the "conversations on other questions are continuing in a spirit of friendship. It is hoped that a communique on the whole conference will be issued in two or three days."

Earlier Moscow Radio reported that Generalissimo Stalin had received Britain's Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin. The broadcast said that present at the meeting were also the Soviet Foreign Commissar, V. M. Molotov, and other Soviet and British diplomatic officials.

"The final texts of the peace treaties thus drawn up will be signed by representatives of the states represented at the conference, and which have been at war with the enemy state in question.

The texts of the peace treaties will then be submitted to other United Nations which have not been a war with the enemy State in question.

Peace treaties will enter into force immediately upon their signature by the states which have signed the corresponding armistice terms and also by France which had in the case of Italy".

The radio added that the peace treaties were subject to ratification by the corresponding enemy states.

Moscow negotiations relating to other questions "continue in a friendly atmosphere" the report stated, adding that there was a good prospect of a communique covering the work of the conference being issued within the next day or two.

TO MAINTAIN PEACE

LONDON, Dec. 25 (A.P.A.)—The big three, Russia, Britain and the United States, had taken the lead this Christmas day to maintain the peace they won in the world's bloodiest and costliest conflict.

As a result of the accord announced in Moscow Christmas Eve setting up procedures for drafting peace treaties with Italy and the Balkan countries, observers expected the deputies of the Big Five Foreign Ministers to begin work in London immediately.

More or less idle since the Five-Power Conference deadlock in October, the deputies now will be able to begin work on drawing the new Italo-Yugoslav frontier, among other matters, and thereby move toward settling one of the most controversial issues left over from Europe's conflict.

In their significant accord, reached in Moscow in an atmosphere of conciliation the Three-Power foreign ministers paved the way for the first peace conference of World War II.

The decision to hold a conference to transfer Italy, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary and Finland from a static state of armistice to peace not later than May 1946 was welcomed in London diplomatic quarters with warm optimism.

United nations delegations spending the Christmas holidays here, while awaiting the birth of the successor to the League of Nations, greeted the news out of Moscow as "a concrete indication" that the Big Three have "realised and accepted their responsibility for maintaining the peace of the world."

Their first reaction was:

"If the three big Powers can agree there is no fear for the future".

They considered the agreement a boon to the new peace agency and noted that even if the Big Three should not settle other points, they had gone a long way toward erasing their differences.

During the past several weeks, incidentally, many diplomats have commented favourably on Russian willingness to compromise and reach agreement on issues in the United Nations Preparatory Commission.

NO COMMUNIQUE TILL TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, December 24 (Reuter).—Diplomatic authorities here today said that according to latest reports from Moscow, a communique on the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers meeting in Moscow cannot be expected before Wednesday, at the earliest.

No plans had been made nor orders received for issue of an early joint communique from Moscow, London and Washington, a State Department spokesman said.

STALIN-BEVIN MEETING

MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (A.P.A.): The Moscow radio reported yesterday that Generalissimo Stalin had received Britain's Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin.

The broadcast heard by the Associated Press of America said that present at the meeting were also the Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov, Soviet Ambassador to Great Britain, Gusev, the permanent Under-Secretary to the British Foreign Office, Sir Alexander Cadogan, and the British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr.

Quake Shock Recorded In Colaba

BOMBAY, Dec. 25 (A.P.I.)—An earth-quake shock of slight intensity at its origin about 5,610 miles away was recorded by the Seismograph at the Colaba observatory at 7.08 a.m. Indian Standard Time on December 25, 1945.

AGRA, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.)—Arguments were resumed today before Mr. Evans, District Magistrate, in the claim brought by Shrimati Bhagwati Devi for compensation of Rs. 55,000 for the requisitioning of her house in Agra when her husband was in jail.

The case has been adjourned for further hearing.

Definition Of A Criminal

Legal Form Given To Moscow Declaration

BERLIN, Dec. 25 (A.P.A.)—Under a law which becomes effective on Monday the Allied Control Council is to recognise as a crime the membership in a group or organisation declared as criminal by the international military tribunal.

This law was enacted to give legal form to the Moscow declaration of October 30, 1943 concerning the responsibility of Hitlerites for atrocities and to the London agreement of August 8th 1945 on the prosecution and punishment of war criminals. The law also provides a uniform legal basis for dealing with the accused war criminals other than those under direct jurisdiction by the international military tribunal.

The new law declares any person "deemed to have committed a crime if he was:

1, a principal or accessory to any crime or ordered or abetted in the same

2, took a consenting part

3, was connected with plans or enterprises involving the commission of any such crime

4, if he held a high political, civil or military (including general staff) position in Germany or one of its allies, co-belligerents or satellites or held a high position in the financial, industrial or economic life of any such country."

The law stated that any person convicted of crimes can be punished by death, life imprisonment or terms of years with or without labour, forfeiture of property or deprivation of civil rights.

INDO-AMERICAN TRADE

List Being Revised In Light Of Latest Study

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (U.P.A.): The Commerce Intelligence Unit of the Department of Commerce is now in the process of revising its foreign trade lists in regard to India, the United Press of America learned.

The United Press of America has in its possession the Department's latest market study of India, prepared by its British Empire Unit, wherein it states that at the present time it is not practicable to indicate to American businessmen Indian sales outlets, either wholesale or retail. "as the Commercial Intelligence Unit of the Bureau of Foreign and democratic Commerce is in the process of revising its foreign trade lists, and such information as is now available cannot be considered up-to-date or accurate."

The report divided India into five separate market study areas: Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Lahore and Karachi.

The study, which was prepared by D. A. Kearns-Preston, dismissed the fifth trading area, Karachi, with the remark, "were it not for the importance of Karachi as the third port of India this section of India would hardly rank as a trading area."

The report pointed out that the United States Foreign Service, in addition to having a mission based in New Delhi, maintains consulates in Calcutta, Bombay, Madras and Karachi.

SURAT STRIKERS WIN FIGHT

SURAT, December 25 (API): After a strike which lasted 28 days, the workers of the Dhanamal Silk Mills resumed work yesterday. The management has agreed to pay them a fifty per cent increase in dearness allowance and one months pay as bonus for 1945

The strike had involved about three hundred workers.

Bikaner Politicals Continue Fast

(From Our Correspondent)

UDAIPUR, Dec. 21. The news about the conditions of the Hunger-Strikers of the Political Prisoners of Bikaner, is creating all round alarm

More than a fortnight has passed since the political workers are on hunger-strike but the Government has not yet agreed to concede their demand. The Bikaner Government will do justice by accepting a very ordinary demand of the workers to treat them as Political Prisoners and not criminals.

IF PAKISTAN COMES

Muslims In Minority Provinces Would Be Alien Nationals

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 25

A note of warning to Muslims was sounded by Pandit Ravishanker Shukla, ex-Premier of Central Provinces in an interview here. Pandit Shukla said that if Pakistan became a reality Muslims in the minority provinces would become aliens and lose their rights and privileges of citizenship in those provinces. They would become just like the French, Chinese, Japanese or Iranians. If they desired to exercise civic rights which they had now got, they would have to sell off their property and remove themselves to the Pakistan area.

Pandit Shukla also stated that the Congress would turn into non-violent Sinn Fein and would so organise the people as to paralyse every branch of the Administration of the Alien Government, should it fail to abide by their solemn promises to India.

ARAB NATIONS WILL DEFEND PALESTINE

KARACHI, Dec. 25 (OPI): "Arab nations will rally round the Palestine Arabs against the usurpation of their country by the Jews. The Palestine is our blood and is an Arab country, still have to remain Arab by hook or crook. All Arab countries will unite to fight our question and I hope that India will also lend her support to us", said Madame Amina El Said, Egyptian delegate to the All-India Women's Conference, to be held at Hyderabad Sind, at a Press Conference. Continuing she said, "Palestine was a poor country and could hardly hold two million people, but there were 17 million Jews spread all over the world and it would be madness to dump all these jews in Palestine. Let the Allied Nations give them a enter Palestine when they were quite and Arabs have remained in Palestine for ages in amity, but why should foreign Jews be allowed to enter Palestine when they were quite different in dress, colour, language and customs."

She concluded by adding, "If we do not defend Palestine now, Egypt's turn may come next."

Estate Duty Bill On Legislative Anvil

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24.

The Estate Duty Bill is not dead. It is expected to be introduced and circulated for opinion during the ensuing Budget Session of the Central Assembly. The Bill was to have been introduced during the last session of the Assembly, but it was crowded out. The Bill, as already explained, is designed to raise money for development purposes and its yield will be earmarked for provincial use.

The Sales Tax Bill, which seeks to unify sales taxes and provides for its collection through a central agency on behalf of the provinces, is also expected to come up for disposal during the forthcoming Assembly session.

Poison Gas Attack On Communists

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter): The Rome radio to-night broadcast the following 'communique' issued from the Prime Minister's office: "A poison gas bomb was thrown at 5 p.m. today during a meeting of Communist leaders in a building in via Nazionale in Rome.

"The explosion which followed shattered windows in the building and gas penetrated into the meeting hall. Some of those present showed signs of poisoning.

"First aid promptly applied prevented major injuries. The Under-Secretary of State in the Ministry of the Interior went to the scene of attack, whose perpetrators are still unknown."

Communist Tactics Exposed

SILCHAR, Dec. 25 (OPI): "That the Communists are operating against the Congress interests in Assam" was stated by Mr. Arun Chanda, President Assam Provincial Trade Union Congress in the course of a note to the Press.

Mr. Chanda adds, "I was surprised to hear that from our own constituencies all over Assam, the Communists who are opposing the Congress candidates, are exploiting my name and the name of the Assam Provincial Trade Union Congress I desire to make it clear to every voter of the Labour Constituency that neither the Assam Provincial Trade Union Congress nor the Surma Valley Chabagon Mazdoor Union of which I am the President are running any candidate of their own for any election anywhere."

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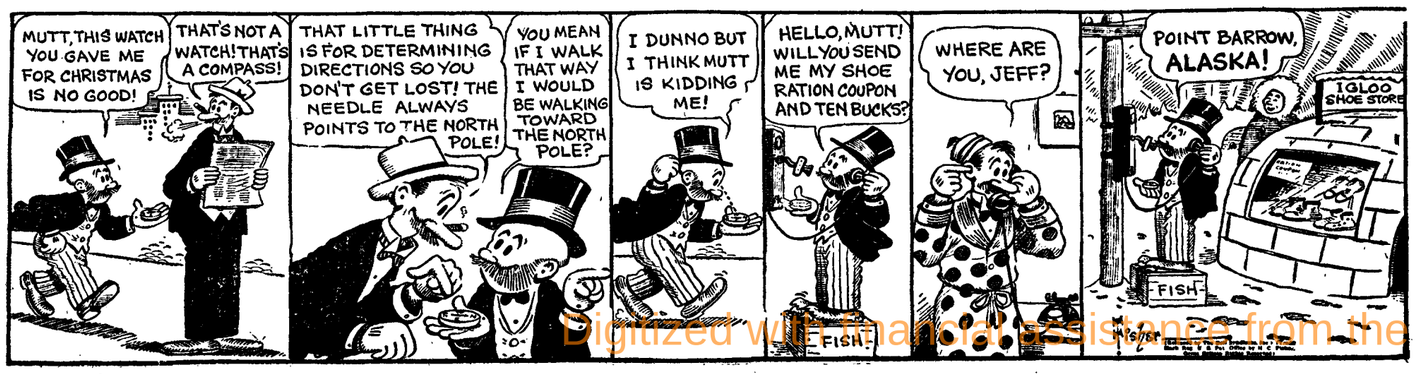
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AUCTION SALE OF DIAMOND, PEARL, ETC., ORNAMENTS, ETC.

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Under instructions from the party concerned

1 Diamond Brooch Spray pattern.

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